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A Year-Round Ministry — Visiting The Sick

THE LEAGUE OF MERCY is an organization within The Salvation Army, formed nearly seventy years ago with the specific purpose of carrying out the teachings of Jesus in regard to the needy and forgotten folks.

When He commended His followers (in portraying the judgment scene) for visiting the sick and those in prison, feeding the hungry and clothing the naked, He identified Himself with the needy, saying: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." (Matthew 25:40).

The photograph (right) shows the reaction of two Eskimo children (who were in a Hamilton, Ontario,



Sanatorium) to a Salvationist's smile and gifts. The picture to the left shows a war veteran being cheered in a Vancouver military hospital. Other pictures and stories in this issue touch upon the work in prisons and other institutions.

In Toronto alone there are over 100 league of mercy workers, women who, on their own time, pay regular visits to all kinds of institutions. From coast to coast—as well as in Bermuda (a part of the territory)—these kindly leaguers find pleasure in dispelling loneliness, and making "shut-ins" feel that somebody cares.

Some day, perhaps, the host of human interest stories of a variety of folk helped in many ways by the ministrations of the league will be published in book form. It would make thrilling reading. Broken homes have been restored; lonely hearts encouraged; despondent prisoners have been given a new purpose in life. It is only possible here to touch on the fringe of the multiplicity of needs met by the league of mercy. Readers will unite in saying: "God bless the leaguers!"



By

L. M. SYMONS.

miracles of this wonderful universe.

An elaborate series of chemical and electrical events, which would require hours or days to duplicate in the laboratory, occurs when a muscle contracts — the twitch of an eyelid for example.

Hundreds of books and scientific papers have been written on muscles, but none explains fully the process by which muscles contract. *How do you wriggle a toe?*

We, generally speaking, are what we make ourselves. Why abuse the body, the miracle, that God gave us? Yet many do. Not only by excessive drinking or overeating; there are many ways that people abuse their bodies — neglect, laziness, overwork, sex, to name but a few — and they either don't realize or don't care that they have only one body and that if that body is in any way neglected it usually becomes weakened, and then sick.

Exercise Beneficial

Our muscles must be fed, to function properly. Generally speaking the average diet includes all the protein needed for muscle repair, and all the carbohydrate required for muscle fuel.

But muscles can starve through lack of exercise. A number of studies have shown the beneficial results of exercise on the heart muscle. A study of London busmen, for example, showed that drivers, who sat all day, had far more heart trouble than conductors, who were constantly on the move.

Paralysis is a breaking down of the muscles, and thus our limbs won't function as they should. Sin is like paralysis — a weakness of the conscience and will to do good, hard to cure, and sometimes ending in death.

Often worry, sometimes known to us and sometimes unknown but still troublesome, about an infinite variety of things will bring bodily disorders in its train. Jesus Christ knew this and had power to free such people from their nameless worries and vague fears. Christ could deliver a

TIME and time again the word "miracle" is brought to our notice. We have come to associate a miracle with something extraordinary, and yet what could be more common than you or me?

We ourselves are living "miracles." Why? For a number of reasons, but especially one which everybody takes so much for granted that it not only is never thought of as a miracle, but hardly ever thought of by the man in the street at all.

I'm referring to our muscles. Muscles are fabulously complicated, not yet completely understood by science, but definitely worthy of our thoughtful care.

More than half of the human body is muscles — "the most remarkable stuff in nature's curiosity shop," as one scientist has said. From birth to death muscles play a critical role in everything we do.

They propel us into the world, they provide nearly all our internal heat, they push food along the digestive tract, suck air into the lungs, squeeze tears from lacrimal glands, and when, after beating 2,500 million times in a seventy-year life span, the heart muscle fails, then we return to the dust.

We speak of "muscles of iron." Yet the working or contractile element in muscle is a soft jelly. How this jelly contracts to lift 1,000 times its own weight is one of the supreme

Codfish Conscience

THERE was once in Boston an old codfish dealer, a very earnest and sincere man, who lived prayerfully every day. One of the great joys of his life was the family worship hour.

One year, two other merchants persuaded him to go into a deal with them by which they could control all the codfish in the market, and greatly increase the price. The plan was succeeding well, when this good man learned that many poor people in Boston were suffering because of the great advance in the price of codfish.

It troubled him so that he broke down in trying to pray at the family altar, and went straight to the men who led him into the plot, and told them that he could not go on with it. Said the old man, "I cannot afford to do anything which interferes with my family prayers. And this morning when I got down on my knees and tried to pray, there was a mountain of codfish before me high enough to shut out the throne of God, and I could not pray.

"I tried my best to get around it, or get over it, but every time I started to pray that codfish loomed up between me and my God. I won't have my family prayers spoiled for all the codfish in the Atlantic Ocean, and I shall have nothing to do with it, or with money made from it!"

help, to give thanks for the blessings you do have. These may include hearing, sight, smell, mental alertness; just pause for a moment and remember that YOU, even with your trials and worries, are a common miracle. —*The War Cry, Australia*

THROUGH THE BIBLE

It is hoped to publish, week by week in this space, summaries of all sixty-six books of the Bible. If these are clipped out, readers will have a valuable synopsis of the whole Bible. Brigadier J. Batten, the author of these articles, is anxious that this systematic precis of the Book of books will stimulate interest in God's Word, and that WAR CRY readers will study each book as it is given. All queries about the series, and the free booklet, THE WONDER OF THE BOOK, should be addressed to the Brigadier at 84 Davisville Avenue, Toronto.

No. XV.—EZRA

EZRA—ten chapters—is the "Book of the Return", and can be read in one or two hours. It was written by Ezra, the priest of Jehovah, at the end of the Babylonian captivity, about 457—425 B.C., and was addressed to the Jewish people. The period covered is from the first return of the exiles under Zerubbabel to the second return under Ezra, a period of about eighty years. The central theme is the rebuilding of the temple at Jerusalem.

Jeremiah had spoken of the marred vessel, and how the potter "made it again another vessel". The book of Ezra discloses the Divine Potter remaking into an idolatry-free nation those carried from Judah into Babylonian captivity. One thing the captivity did for the Israelites—it cured them of worshipping idols. When Jesus came centuries later, He found no idolatry in the land.

The book is divided into two main sections. Chapters 1-6 deal with the return under Zerubbabel then, after a break of almost sixty years, chapters 7-10 deal with the return under Ezra.

Jeremiah had prophesied the seventy years' captivity and the return and, at last, "Jehovah stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus," so that he authorized the return of the Jews under Zerubbabel, these numbering about 50,000, of whom nearly one tenth were priests. They immediately set about rebuilding the altar and the Temple of Jehovah. The religious ceremonies which they had so shamefully neglected before the captivity were recommenced, and the foundations of the temple were laid, amidst the weeping of the aged (who had seen the greater magnificence of Solomon's temple) and the rejoicing of the younger generation.

Drastic Reforms

The second contingent of ex-captives arrived back in the homeland under the leadership of Ezra, the scribe, sixty years later. Ezra found conditions distressing and disgusting, demanding drastic measures, especially with the mixed marriages of the Jews with their idolatrous neighbours.

Ezra, though receiving insufficient recognition from Bible lovers, was one of the most influential spiritual leaders of his or any other day. He was born of a line of Scripture-lovers, being a descendant of Hilkiah, the high priest in the reign of Josiah (II Chron. 34: 4). He became the great exponent (7:10) of the Word of the Lord, and gained for it its right place in the history of Israel for the first time. His faith was so firm that he refused a protecting guard back to Jerusalem. Ezra was, probably, the writer of I and II Chronicles, Ezra, and Psalm 119 (a striking poem on the Word of God).

It was Ezra who instituted the wonderful system of synagogue worship, which is the parent of our own Sunday school. Assisted by the Great Synagogue—a committee of devout men—Ezra settled the question of the "canon"—the inclusion of certain Scriptures in the Old Testament. The revival under Ezra was a revival of Bible study, and obedience to the revealed will of God.

The Book of Ezra is a dramatic book. Here are tremendous facts. God is the Potter; Israel is the clay; history is the wheel. "The vessel was marred", but "He made it again". That is the ultimate word in divine sovereignty.

Just as Israel was remade, so with the individual—imperfect, marred, broken by sin and full of failure, God will make it "another vessel".

EDITORIALS

ON TOPICS OF IMPORTANCE IN THE MATERIAL AND SPIRITUAL REALM

Hiding The Gospel

THE Gospel message is the most wonderful thing in the world, for at its centre is Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. He is man's only hope. How important it is that the Gospel be not hidden by, of all people, its friends, says *Christianity Today*.

The Gospel is often hidden by inconsistent lives. Why should the godless about us believe in or desire a Gospel that does not transform the life of a believer? Why should one become a Christian if it amounts to no more than church attendance on Sunday, while the rest of the week he may live like any other man of the world? Christians in early Rome were surrounded by a paganism hardly more blatant than that of twentieth century America.

The Gospel can also be hidden by a cold orthodoxy which accepts the letter of truth but ignores the spirit of all divine revelation. There is a twentieth century pharisaism that merits our Lord's rebuke as fully as it did in the days of His flesh.

Nothing hides the Gospel more than lovelessness. Christianity and Christian love should be synonymous, but how often the glory of the Gospel is hidden by bitterness, carping criticism and gossip. Nothing would do more to show forth the fruits of the Spirit than a renewal of the spirit of love that characterized the early Christians and distinguished them from other men.

The Gospel should not be hidden by man's cleverness. Paul knew the danger when he wrote, "I . . . came to you not with excellency of speech or . . . enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power". Cleverness hides the Gospel because it is the clever one who is magnified, not the message.

The need for the Gospel is hidden when the sinful nature of man is minimized. It is common to regard drunkenness as a disease rather than sin; sex obsession as a psychiatric problem; dishonesty as a "confusion of values" rather than stealing. Once we fail to appreciate that sin is an offence to a holy God, the implications of the Gospel are hidden.

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Does Christianity Work?

WHAT a tremendous blast to the faith of dedicated ministers was a recent poll in a national magazine! Taking an average Canadian city (not a large place) the survey indicated that churches of all denominations (the Army was not mentioned) influence the lives of the people who attend church very little!

To the question: "Has your behaviour been specifically affected in the use of alcohol, birth control, sexual behaviour, Sunday observance, political decisions, etc., etc., by church attendance?" very small percentages showed up (on the third point only 2.5 Protestants and 11 per cent Catholics). The first point netted fourteen per cent (both faiths).

The heading of the poll stated: "PEOPLE PAY LIP SERVICE TO THEIR CHURCHES, BUT IGNORE THEM IN LIFE" The compiler said: "At first these findings seemed difficult to believe. As a check against them I spent several days going back over the trail of the door-knockers". He concluded that they had not exaggerated the facts. He added: "The Church is often regarded as a dear but troublesome old aunt who mustn't be offended because, in the first place, she doesn't deserve it and, in the second, she might have a secret bank account!"

One "worshipper" said, "I like the singing, etc. Of course I never listen to the sermons. They're almost always silly and dull. If I don't know

how to live a decent life at my age, no sermon is going to teach me." What a travesty of the purpose of sermons! Just as the electric current instils new life into a battery so a Bible message — if it is sincere — will re-invigorate the Christian's soul.

One person argued with a minister, saying he was tired of going to church. He heard the sermon on pride, another on selfishness, another on morality, and he was sick of them. The minister started to say "The trouble with you is . . ." when the other interrupted with : "No. The trouble is with you!"

Insincerity Nullifies

Naturally, if the addresses are "stock stuff" — simply lists of instructions given over and over again, they will not touch a vital chord. But Bible messages that are gained by "sweat, blood and tears" — often by kneeling and agonizing with God for power and for clarity of thought cannot help but impress the hearers. Of course, it is the Devil's job to dull the listeners' minds, to throw cold water on the preacher's best efforts, and to instil thoughts of the attractiveness of sin and the dullness of moral living into the minds of those who are not convinced that goodness is its own reward. Such persons would not be impressed by the earnestness of a William Booth, a Moody, or a Billy Graham. Even so, the Holy Spirit has been known to pierce

Climbing In The Light



The Day of Doom

END of the world predictions have been going on almost as long as there has been a world. Last year, it will be remembered, a group of people gathered in the Swiss mountains to await the "last trump", and expressed disappointment when the supposed fateful day dawned fair and passed without incident.

The latest prediction comes from the U.S.A., where highly-skilled mathematicians have calculated that Doomsday for the human race is going to arrive on Friday, November 13, 2026 — sixty-five years from now. On that day, it is reported, the human population will reach infinity: there will be no space left on the earth for another person. Every inch of space will be occupied by human beings, standing shoulder to shoulder.

Human Fallibility

These facts, presented to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, were based on the present birth and death rates, but who would presume to decree that these figures are likely to remain unchanged for nearly seventy years? There is a loophole in the prediction, of course, for the statement of prophecy does allow a margin of error of ten years, or five years on either side of the chosen date.

Once again scientists have reckoned without the Creator, whose supreme knowledge includes the problem of "exploding population". The Christian believes that the Lord will provide. The tragedy is that we are not often willing to leave it to Him!

through such indifference, and to use even a word or sentence to show the hearer how shallow are earthly pleasures, and how lovely are the pure soul-rewarding laws of God.

Speaking of Army congregations, we can honestly say that the meetings do influence those who attend. We have visited them between Sundays, and have conversed with many about spiritual things, asking them if they agreed with the message, and whether it had helped them to apply its principles to every-day life. We have found that it does.

Perhaps the difference is that the Salvationists' approach to religion is to stress the necessity of an immediate decision, preferably a public action — kneeling at the front — to signify a desire for a change of heart. If the "new desires that in me burn" are allowed to die down, no decision is made, and the person leaves the hall or church unchanged. Satan is quick to snatch the good seed away before it has a chance to take root.

Editor's note: Field officers are urged to send in their findings of the effect of their messages on members of their congregations. If the Christian life is lived out at work or in the home or school as a result of challenges issued in the meetings, let us know about it.



LAST OF SERIES

THE final Sunday afternoon musical programme of the 1960-61 series presented by Earlscourt Band (Bandmaster B. Ring) was presided over by Captain B. Boon. The Captain introduced the items in a fresh and interesting manner, also relating the story of how he came to write his first song—for singing companies.

The band presented a preview of items to be played during its forthcoming tour in the U.S.A., featuring several soloists. The youth of the corps was well represented by the enthusiastic rendition of "Marching Along" by the singing company (Leader G. Sharp) and the playing of the cornet solo, "Hosanna", by Band Member Robert Gray. Both items evoked considerable interest.

Band pieces ranged from the stirring march, "Under Two Flags", through the intricacies and moods of "Lord of the Sea" to the beautiful melody of Schubert's "Serenade", played as a flugel horn solo by Bandsman G. Brown, and the challenge of Handel's "Sound an Alarm", a trombone solo by Bandsman J. Curtis. Other soloists were Bandsman A. Dean (cornet) in "Tucker" and Deputy Bandmaster A. Millward (euphonium) in "Ransomed". The programme concluded with the favourite hymn tune, "Rimington".

MUSICAL AMERICANS

AN article recently published in the New York *War Cry* reveals that 31,000,000 people in the U.S.A. now play musical instruments—one person in six.

"Americans have good reason to blow their own horns," says the article, "and 2,650,000 of them do. An additional twenty-eight millions plus play other instruments. The odds are better than one in nine that the next person you see on the street will be a piano player, about one in forty that he or she plays the guitar. The odds are one in fifty-six that you'll meet a string player, one in sixty-seven that you'll encounter a woodwind virtuoso, one in seventy-eight that you'll pass an organist, and 138 to one that the next man, woman or child you see doesn't play the concertina."

Further interesting facts are that 9,000,000 children are learning to play musical instruments, and that there are 47,000 band, and 26,000 orchestras for the benefit of these youthful enthusiasts.

Unbelief always considers it too soon or too late for God to work. Faith always expects God to work now. God is the God of the present moment, the present need, the present crisis.

Of Interest

WINDOW ON MY HUSBAND

BY MRS. ERIK LEIDZEN, of New York City

WRITING articles such as this is not really in my line, but as I have been asked to contribute to this popular series I can at least try to follow the pattern set by my predecessors and give some insight into our happy family relationship.

My husband is acclaimed by many people throughout the world as a great musician, but I claim no credit whatsoever for this achievement. His so-called success is entirely his own. He is Erik Leidzen, which should be answer enough for any who may think that I have had a part in it.

His musical interests have, naturally enough, made their impact upon our life together. I have no idea what the expression, "normal home life", means; we live—and always have lived—a most irregular, but oh! such an interesting life.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

TO LEADERS OF CORPS MUSICAL SECTIONS

RECENT issues of THE WAR CRY have carried announcements of a music leaders' institute to be held at Lac L'Ahigan Camp, near Montreal, from July 15th to 22nd. We are happy to announce that additional accommodation has been secured at the camp, and it is now possible to cater for a larger number of delegates than was originally expected.

Leaders and deputy leaders of bands (senior and young people's), songster brigades and singing companies, are eligible to apply.

Accommodation and meals are provided for wives and families of delegates at moderate cost. An excellent course of music instruction, with special guest lecturers Captain Brindley Boon and Captain (Bandmaster) Kenneth Elloway, and the delightful holiday atmosphere of the Laurentian Mountains in French Canada will combine to entice many music leaders to take advantage of this week of enjoyment and fellowship.

To make application or to receive further information, write without delay to the Music Secretary, Major K. Rawlins, 20 Albert Street, Toronto.

When some of my friends heard I was to marry a musician, they told me I would have a difficult time, musicians being such temperamental people. How wrong they were! I do not know of a more even-tempered man than Erik (although I am acquainted with quite a few temperamental people who are not in the least musical!).

Erik may have a reputation of being "hot-tempered" as a result of his never-ending demands from the podium, especially during rehearsal time, but that is only because he is a perfectionist and wants the best the players can give. However, I have yet to hear of anyone playing under his baton who has resented his rehearsal manner. I might add that he demands much more of himself than he ever asks of others.

Birthday Sonnets

At home Erik has always been a most kind, cheerful, patient and considerate husband and father. We have just celebrated our thirty-seventh wedding anniversary and I now have thirty-seven anniversary sonnets from his pen. Nor has he ever forgotten my birthday.

However, he claims no laurels for remembering these important days since, as he reminds me, my wedding day was naturally also his wedding day; as we were born on the same day, although he is two years my senior, we also share our birth-

day as we share everything else.

I really do not know if our unusually happy home life is because of, or in spite of, Erik's music. All I know is that harmony reigns and that—since I, too, love music—I am deeply grateful for the privilege of sharing even this phase of his life.

Erik and I have many other things in common, of course. We share a love of books and he generally reads aloud to me; he also helps me with my language studies. We both love the beauties of God's creation and, as we share a desire to keep our bodies fit and active, we walk together a daily average of at least five miles in the "great out of doors".

Add to these facts our common love of history, painting, sculpture and travel and you will readily appreciate that William Shakespeare (another interest we share) speaks for me when he says: "Let me not to the marriage of true minds admit impediments."—From *The Musician* series, "I Married a Musician".

In these days of noises of various kinds many people are apt to yearn for tranquillity, but the monotony of an untroubled existence may be as bad as the burden of unbroken adversity. Life must be varied to be endured, and when we pray for relief from all of life's problems, we are perhaps praying for that which we would not enjoy.

Noted Composer In California

Erik Leidzen Conducts Los Angeles Band In Spring Festival Programme

WITH Erik Leidzen, the noted American Salvationist composer, as guest conductor, Los Angeles Congress Hall Band (Bandmaster H. Stillwell, Jr.) held its Annual Spring Festival in the spacious "Playhouse" concert theatre. The distinguished visitor, who coached the band during the rehearsal before the programme, publicly commended the group on its "ultra-high standard of musical presentation and interpretation."

A hush fell upon the audience as, waiting for the curtain to open, it heard the bandmen backstage prayerfully singing "Meet my need, Lord."

To the strains of a brilliant fan-

fare leading into Erik Leidzen's arrangements of "The Star-Spangled Banner", the band began the programme.

All the pieces featured were from the pen of Brother Leidzen, among them "The Children's Friend", "Peace, Perfect Peace" (a male chorus number conducted by Bandsman E. Hultin), and cornet duet, "The Cleansing Stream", played by Bandsmen W. Thirkettle and W. Ernest. The majestic and thrilling "Swedish Rhapsody", played from manuscript, proved an instant favourite with the audience. Band Leader R. Upton (cornet) and Lieutenant R. Stillwell (trombone) also contributed solos.

Los Angeles Congress Hall Timbrelettes (Leader V. Witmond) manipulated their tambourines to the band's playing of the march, "The King's Highway". The Territorial Commander, Commissioner S. Hepburn, referred to the band's recent visit to Vancouver, B.C.



IN LOS ANGELES

ABOVE: The "Playhouse" illuminated sign which told Los Angeles citizens of the spring festival.
RIGHT: Los Angeles Congress Hall Band on the stage of the theatre.



To Musicians

Something Was Missing

Jerome Hines, New York Opera Singer, Gives His Testimony

IT is a privilege and an honour to be able to give testimony of my Saviour, Jesus Christ. And it is a joy to be able to give testimony of a living God who hears prayer, who answers prayer, and who guides the hearts of all men who will receive His Holy Spirit. I also want to testify of the wonderful changes He has wrought in me since He first spoke to me and offered me salvation from my sins.

I wandered about for thirty years with an inner fire burning in my soul, an inner fire that relentlessly drove me here and there. What was this fire? Some men call it ambition; in some it is a sense of unfulfilled destiny. Other men can find no name for it. But something was

sang in concerts and on television. Still no satisfaction to a restless soul.

Then one day I found Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, and I discovered it was He that I had been seeking all my life. How wonderful to find that burning fire quieted within me, to find my life complete!

I have now become a servant of the Lord. I am His tool to use as He sees fit, and I try to live according to His will.

Three years ago, when I first began my vocal ministry with the Lord, I was much moved by the beautiful singing of a man whose voice I heard on a recording. It was in a Goodwill centre of The Salvation Army in London, England. Soon

have done, had he chosen. I became an opera singer, as you know, and went into the Metropolitan Opera. I know a man like Beverly Shea, with his beautiful voice, could have done the same thing very easily. He chose instead to give his voice entirely to God.

I found God rather late, but from hereafter I am determined to use my voice for His glory wherever and whenever I can.



Band Weekend At Parkdale Citadel, Ont.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Captain C. Ivany, the Commanding Officer; Songster Mrs. W. Watson, (guest vocalist); Bandmaster A. Austin, Bandsman (Dr.) W. Lorimer (guest instrumentalist); Mrs. Brigadier C. Sim and Brigadier Sim, Divisional Chancellor.

missing in my life. What was it? Where was it?

First I sought the answer in science. I spent six years getting degrees in chemistry and mathematics. I studied psychology, psychiatry, philosophy and many other subjects. None of them gave the answer nor satisfied that internal fire. For what was I looking? I became a successful opera singer, joined the Metropolitan Opera, and

after, I was in the Bowery Corps of The Salvation Army in New York City, singing a song which I later discovered he had written, "I'd rather have Jesus." Maybe that is why I like it so much and love the message. It is George Beverly Shea's testimony in song.

I feel a certain kinship to him, as he, too, is a bass-baritone. I went into a professional career and did some of the things that he could



Classical Cameos

Continuing the series by Bandsman E. Jones, of Bexleyheath, England

No.-14.—Yehudi Menuhin and Kathleen Ferrier

A CHILD wonder who has justified his early fame is Yehudi Menuhin, born of Jewish parents on April 22nd, 1916, in New York. At three he broke a toy violin in disgust because it was incapable of musical sound; he began giving concerts at the age of six and distinguished critics commented most favourably upon his playing at that time. After one concert he was presented with a Stradivarius violin as a token of appreciation. In Paris he left his audience spellbound when he performed three major concertos in one programme.

Once, when appearing with Toscanini he asked the maestro why he never criticized his playing, to which Toscanini replied, "Your playing is never bad, Yehudi, it is always perfect." When still quite young he worked with Elgar on the production of the composer's Violin Concerto, and a deep friendship between them resulted. He has delighted in the works of the old masters as well as giving many first performances of new works. Ever a keen student, he can write and speak six languages.

The birth of another great artist is cele-

bated on the same date, for Kathleen Ferrier was born on April 22nd, 1912. Though Kathleen possessed a fine voice in her youth, it was as a pianist that she first distinguished herself, gaining the A.R.C.M. and L.R.A.M. diplomas before reaching the age of nineteen. Though most talented at school, she did not enter her father's profession as a teacher but first started work as a telephonist. Her initial contact with Miss Isobel Baillie, the soprano, was as her accompanist in a broadcast, and her first professional appearance as a singer was with the same artist.

Later, she took lessons in singing at the Royal Academy of Music, and then seriously began public appearances as a singer, her debut in London being in "Messiah," in Westminster Abbey, with Miss Baillie. Her first appearance in opera was at Glyndebourne, and she met with success wherever she appeared. Awarded the C.B.E. in 1953, Miss Ferrier died in October of that year. One wonders what heights would have been reached had not an early death curtailed her career.

speak to him. "Don't speak to me," he growled. I could see that I must go carefully; so with a friendly word I left him, still confident that he was my man.

The following Sunday he came again, and exactly the same thing happened.

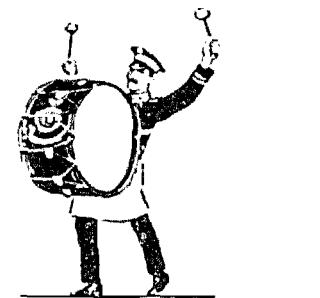
On the third Sunday night, full of faith for his conversion, I approached him as on the two previous occasions. At the mercy-seat that night, he prayed to God for pardon and was soundly converted.

We found that he had become separated from his wife through his sinful life. We visited her; she also found Christ and the two became happily re-united and were eventually sworn in as soldiers.

It turned out that he had at one time been a drummer but had given it up. Nobody at the corps knew this; certainly I had no idea of it when I felt so sure, that first night, that he was "my man".

I had my drummer; now I had to get the "brand new drum" I had promised. The money for this was soon collected, and I went to the trade headquarters and bought the drum.

On my last Sunday at the corps we had a dedication service. The drum was placed on the table covered with a white cloth, and



with the new drummer standing at one side of it, and myself at the other, the instrument was dedicated and handed over to the care of the new drummer, who received his commission at the same time.

Life Like A Melody

"Jason" Passes On Thoughts That Thrilled Him

THE opportunity of making this contribution to our periodical stirred me to think again of all the great musicians who have given us so much beautiful music through the years; great men like Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin and indeed our own Salvation Army composers.

Millions of notes have come from the pens of these writers and have formed soul-stirring melodies. We are like those many different kinds of notes, each with a particular value in life and all joined together to make life a beautiful melody. God is the Great Composer, who places us where we will harmonize best.

It would be wonderful if the whole world were in harmony, but alas, like music, there are discordant renderings which spoil the beauty of the whole.

If the melody of our life is to be such that it will touch people's hearts, much work has to be done by the Composer. God began this melody-making work by sending Jesus into the world that we might live in harmony with God and man. But just as notes of music are ineffective until played, so this message of God's love must be expressed and proclaimed.

Allow Jesus to place you just where He wants you, so that your life will become a lovely melody.

WORTH QUOTING

The Kitchener RECORD recently quoted a portion of "The Snare of Slang", by "Con Vigoroso" (published in April 15th issue.)

The editor of KITCHENER SALVATIONIST reports: "Con Vigoroso" will be pleased to know that this brought several requests from outside friends for this particular issue. May these provocative 'frank discussions' continue!"

The HOME PAGE

When Life Is Bewildering

BY HELEN BRETT

HAVING learned two "graces" at Sunday school — one for before meals and the other for after, Erica was anxious to start a new regime in her home, involving the use of both.

Accordingly, when her ravenous father and mother sat at the table and prepared to "launch in" without this preliminary, Erica took a firm stand.

"No, stop!" she cried, "You mustn't start before I have said 'grace!'"

"Very well," said Daddy, "hurry up." Erica knitted her brows. "Just a minute," she murmured, "I've forgotten . . . let me see . . . Thank you, Jesus, for this food . . . no, that's wrong . . ."

She made several other false starts until her father said, "Look, honey, you ask your teacher to write it down and Mummy will teach it to you properly and we'll start from to-morrow, eh?"

Erica looked doubtful, but, as the pangs of hunger began to make themselves felt, she suddenly gave up the effort, beamed ecstatically, and said, "Yes, a' right, and just for now . . . can you hear, Jesus? . . . Thanks." This with an upward tilt of her face.

Though colloquial, it was said in all sincerity and without any intention of lightness. It was Erica's own idea that Jesus would be quite happy about a "thank you" given without rhyme or high-flown language.

At a Loss for Words

I remember a penitent at our Army mercy-seat once. He was asked to pray for himself, but he was a man to whom words came slowly. He knew no words with which to clothe his grief or voice the inexpressible longings of his soul so he said to the Salvationist who was kneeling beside him, trying to point the way to Christ, "I can't pray guv'nor, you better do it for me." But he knew how to say "Amen" to the simple prayer the Salvationist made on his behalf and the words were mostly unnecessary, for the language of the heart is God's reading matter.

Truly we can say eloquent things with a heart far away and likewise we can find no words sometimes to carry the restlessness of our dissatisfaction with ourselves to God.

There are times, I suppose, when every human soul finds himself saying, "I don't know . . . I don't know." It is a frame of mind which covers nearly every material and spiritual state; times when God seems far away, and our feeling of insecurity bewilders us. What prayer can we pray then? I know nothing very flowery, or poetic, just a remembrance of a promise and the urging that it shall be kept. "Hold me in the hollow of Thy hand . . . don't let me fall!"

And when the wonderfully happy

times come, when one feels it almost wrong to have so much happiness and the desire to thank God is bursting within us, then all we can say, like Erica, is "Thank you, oh thank you."

There are some great spirits who can sincerely thank God for affliction and sorrow, knowing it is all permitted by God and therefore should be welcomed. Some who

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THE BLIND SPOT

A PARABLE OF LIFE BY ADELAIDE AH KOW

IN the early hours of the morning I awoke, and lay looking at the dark shadow of the house reaching from veranda to orange trees, and at the moonlight on the garden beyond. Then I bethought me of the hour, and turned in my bed that I might learn it.

Now when I had lain sick in hospital a comrade had brought me a watch, the which, he said, would tell the hour throughout the longest night. And so indeed it had, and through many long nights since, hanging ever close to my bedside.

Therefore, I turned now to seek its face, and saw from my pillow that it was close on three hours after midnight. Whether it lacked ten minutes or twenty I could not discover at that distance, being too comfortable to draw closer to it, lying indeed with one eye in the pillow and the other roving idly round the face of the watch. Palely luminous

shone the watch on the dark wall yet, as my eye wandered about, for a moment that luminous face disappeared. I looked; it was there. I looked away; it had gone. And thus it was that I discovered my blind spot.

Now I had heard aforetime that wise men said such a spot did exist in every eye; but, my sight being good, I had not thought my blind spot so great as to obscure the face of my watch. Yet thus it was; and presently, with care, I found the place on the wall at which I must look to find the watch disappear. Six inches below the watch it lay, and somewhat to the right and, having marked it, I was content.

When morning came, I remembered and turned me again to face the wall. The sun had risen, and with great brilliance the face of the watch reflected the sunlight. "Surely," said I, "the blind spot cannot obscure so plain a thing as this." Yet, when I gazed at the place I had marked I saw no watch whatever. Then knew I of a surety that the blind spot was there.

Much Ignorance

Now I pondered the matter and I perceived that there be blind spots in all, of which those who own them be oft-times ignorant. For I have known parents with keen vision in all things save only in the shortcomings of their children. And I have known discontented ones to perceive only the trials and none of the blessings in their circumstances.

But saddest of all it seems to me is that blind spot which, in some eyes, obscures the shining face of God, the while they know not what they miss.

And I wist not what to call the spot, for sometimes it be pleasure, and sometimes business, and sometimes pride, and a wilful looking away from the truth. Yet mayhap it is ever self in one form or another.

But to such people I would cry, "Pause, pause and search diligently, and though ye be blind ye may see, for He will not be hid from any who diligently seek Him. And indeed the Radiant One is not afar off, for if ye will but lift your eyes in faith, ye will perceive His face near at hand, shining with love upon you!"

In A Mallee Orchard

Glimpses of Women Round The World



LASSIES OF ICELAND are seen busily engaged in needlework. They are wearing the national dress which is now a modern version of the old. The small cap has a long tassel attached by a silver tube. The kerchief is a broad silk ribbon and the apron also is of silk.

Make Spring Cleaning Job Complete

IS there a hazard hurdler in your house-hold? Maybe you yourself are one. It's amazing how many of us skip over dangerous obstacles every day, never troubling to remove them. It's a bit of neglect like that which usually leads to serious trouble.

No cleaning job is complete without a thorough check of the home, inside and out, for treacherous articles that menace life and limb. Closets, stairways, the cellar, the garage, the back porch . . . all are likely places for these perilous obstacles. The most effective way to eliminate these hazards is through a sensible household campaign—a deliberate effort by every member of the family to remove such articles and place them in a safe place. For, despite all warnings, records continue to show that more accidents occur in the home than anywhere else.

So far we have considered only the hazards that lurk in dark corners, on stairs or elsewhere. As dangerous as these spots are, many of us are exposed to more obvious ones right in our own living-rooms.

Partial checklist for living-room:

Small rugs on highly-polished and slippery floors.
Worn carpets or rugs.
Exposed electric wire, or poor electrical connections.
Inadequately-screened fireplace.
Splintered floors.
Dangerously-located furniture.
Toys and small objects left on floor.

Loose window panes in need of putty.
Insecure window guards or screens.

How About the Kitchen?

Cluttered drawers with sharp knives, ice picks, forks, etc.

Poisons such as disinfectants and insecticides left where children can reach them.

Curtains, calendars, etc. hanging near open flames.

Insecure step-stool or no step-stool.

Exposed tops cut off tin cans; other objects with sharp edges.

Electric and gas appliances in need of repair.

Or the Bathroom?

Slippery floors.

Loose throw rugs.

Dangerously sharp corners on fixtures, etc.

Defective wiring, faulty electrical equipment.

Razor blades, scissors, etc., exposed.

Medicines and first-aid articles improperly marked, within reach of children.

No non-slip mat in the tub.

No safe place to put wet soap.

Enlist each member of your household in a safety programme devoted to eliminate all household hazards—only then is a cleaning job complete!

And remember! Many home accidents result from unsafe practices—unsafe ways of doing things—even where all unsafe conditions have been corrected. Make it a habit to practise safety.

A medical doctor agrees with the opinion that it is wise, if we are vexed with someone, to forgive before the sun goes down. To try to go to sleep angry is not good for body or soul. Paul said, "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

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write our wonderful consecration hymns speak of joyfully suffering, and of leaping gladly to the Cross.

Perhaps the great majority of us can rise no higher than accepting grief or suffering, bereavement or separation, with a desperate effort at faith, but I do believe that, whilst it is not God's desire for us that we should suffer, His plan can triumph over suffering; and that grief is very often a pathway to God, more direct and bringing one nearer to Him than the more devious paths of joy.

I feel very strongly that joy is meant not only to fill our own hearts, but to inspire us to overflow towards others, so that the light of our joy shall be pointed out as being focused from the Light of the World — and that the strength we gain from it shall be used in service. Then our work becomes a poem, and our words matter very little; for our lives shall be a prayer.



MRS. BRIGADIER T. MURRAY visits the accident ward at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal. Dr. D. Lin stands by.

HOSPITAL CHOIR AIDS LEAGUE

TO the accompaniment of the march, "Star Lake", played by the Edmonton Citadel Band (Bandmaster G. Freeman), the nurses of the Royal Alexandra Hospital Choir proceeded down the aisle to the platform, thus commencing the 1961 annual league of mercy programme.

After the opening exercises the Public Relations Officer, Major W. Hosty introduced the chairman, Mrs. Kenneth Montgomery (who is a member of the Edmonton Advisory Board and past president of the Sunset Lodge auxiliary). Supporting were the Superintendent of Sunset Lodge, Brigadier Mae Young, and a group of ladies who were superintendents or matrons of the various institutions that the Edmonton League of Mercy members visit.

The nurses' choir (Miss Kathleen Clarke) provided a varied and colourful programme which included choral singing, vocal trios, solos, and pianoforte duets. The Scripture portion was read by Nurse L. McKerihan.

The League Secretary, Mrs. Major Hosty, gave a résumé of the work of the league, including the financing of the work by means of "sunshine boxes," whereby the members regularly put away money towards the funds. Corps Secretary Mrs. A. Mail then presented to the L.O.M. Treasurer, Mrs. Brigadier W. Lorimer a cheque doubling the amount thus raised.

The courtesies were made by Mrs. Hunter, of the Sunset Lodge auxiliary, before the combined singing and playing by the band and choir of the hymn, "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah."

RIGHT: BERMUDIAN leaguers present a drama, "The League of Mercy Basket". At the left may be seen the Divisional L.O.M. Secretary, Mrs. Brigadier C. Watt, and Pro-Lieut. C. Green and, at the right, Mrs. Brigadier J. Sutherland (R). BELOW LEFT: The Territorial L.O.M. President, Mrs. Commissioner W. Booth, pins on to Mrs. E. McCready, of Edmonton, Alta., the twenty-five year service pin, while Mrs. M. Muir and Mrs. M. Campbell wait to receive theirs for fifteen years' service. The Divisional Secretary, Mrs. Brigadier A. Simester, is at the left. BELOW RIGHT: An ensemble from the Winnipeg Band brings cheer to the residents of a nursing home. At the left is the Divisional Secretary, Mrs. Lt.-Colonel A. Moulton, and on the right is L.O.M. worker Mrs. F. Merrett.

A River of Mercy

The Territorial League of Mercy Secretary, Mrs. Lt.-Colonel R. Gage, uses an illustration from nature to draw attention to the ever-expanding humanitarian activities of the noble band of men and women which she leads.



SISTER H. KELDERMAN distributes treats at the hospital in Kingston, Ont.

LAST summer we stood at the source of the Mississippi River in Minnesota, U.S.A. It was a narrow little stream with the water trickling over stones that marked the dividing line between Itasca Lake and the commencement of the river. We watched the people—adults and children—paddling across the sparkling little stream which was only a few inches in depth at this point. No doubt this was so that they could tell friends back home that they had walked across the Mississippi River.

Even as we observed all this pleasant activity it was hard for us to realize that this tiny stream was the beginning of a mighty river that flowed on its winding way 2,552 miles to the Gulf of Mexico and thence into the ocean; that widened and deepened as it went until it became a vital part of inland transportation carrying passengers and provisions to ports along the way.

While standing there at the headwaters of the river we were reminded of a quotation from the Book of Job: "Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase." I thought of another river, the river of compassion as exemplified by the league of mercy.

Inspired by God

Ofttimes that which has a small beginning grows into something powerful. Surely it was divine inspiration that led to the inauguration of the league nearly seven decades ago. None could tell from that small beginning, when the first little group of members were commissioned in Toronto, what a mighty stream it would become, gaining in power and usefulness as it emptied into the ocean of humanity's need. In the intervening years the work has expanded and progressed to fulfill a definite purpose in hospitals and in homes for the care of the chronically ill, for the aged, and for others, both young and old, who require our special ministry.

On this broad stream of mercy there are

several ships bearing precious cargo on a sacred mission.

Through the medium of friendship hearts are cheered as the members visit regularly, taking gifts of helpful reading material, home-cooked dainties and treats of various kinds. Personal service is undertaken, such as writing letters for those unable to do so; shopping is done, and relatives contacted. Sometimes members have used their cars to drive residents from homes for the aged to a lawyer's office to attend to matters of business. The staff at these homes have expressed their gratitude for such service as they were unable, due to pressure of work, to attend to this themselves.

Give Help to Staff

Members have been known to "tuck in" and preserve fruit at a nursing home when the overworked staff could not cope with all that had to be done. This friendly gesture was appreciated by staff and patients alike when they tasted the delicious goodness of the preserves during the winter months.

Dolls have been dressed to delight the heart of little girls; tiny toys made for little boys who must lie still in bed, dainty bed jackets knit for ladies sick-abed who like to primp up a bit to lift their spirits; flowers provided to brighten a room that would otherwise be dreary; a radio found for a man who finds the hours drag slowly by; a wheel chair provided for a patient who wants to move around and not be so dependent on others. These are but a few ways of proving to be a friend in need.

Fellowship is a means of bringing comfort to the lonely, just to know that somebody cares. Often patients are brought to large cities from rural areas and small communities for hospitalization; some come from long distances to our large hospitals for special treatment which means that they are separated by many miles from their relatives and consequently have few, if any, visitors. This is where league of mercy members have a

golden opportunity to chase away the shadows of loneliness and to provide patients with a companionship they would not otherwise have. Frequently the stay in hospital is a rather lengthy one and the league members get to know the patients very well. Thus they help to ease their anxieties and that of their families by keeping in touch with them.

There are constant opportunities for worship, for the primary purpose of our mission is to lead people to the Lord. Sometimes it is an act of worship with just one patient as the Bible portion is read and prayer offered at a bedside, and many have sought and found Christ as their Saviour in this manner. In numerous institutions league members conduct meetings, when patients and residents of nursing homes are given the opportunity for worship and of learning the way of salvation. It is always cause for rejoicing when some accept Christ as the appeal is made and the invitation given.

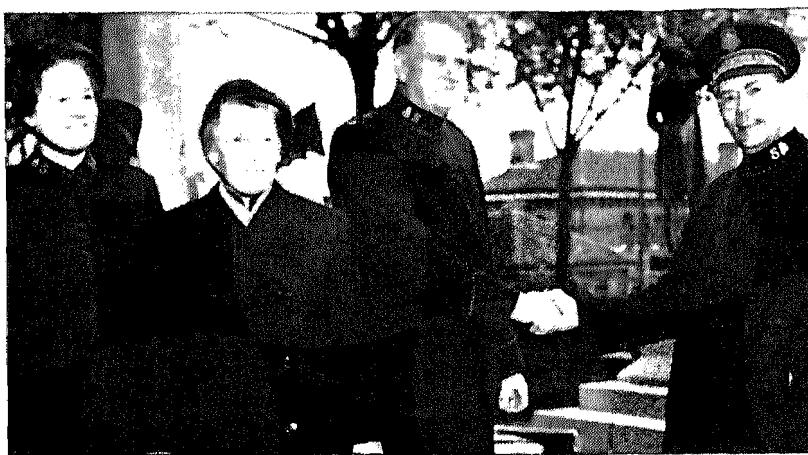
League members give their services voluntarily and frequently provide treats at their own expense, being thankful they are privileged to serve in this way.

Hospital administrators have acknowledged the therapeutic value of the friendly visits and spiritual talks with the patients. While possessing no miraculous powers of healing for the diseases of the body, members oftentimes can help immeasurably those whose cures have been retarded because of distraught minds and disturbed spirits. This can be of real service, and speeds on the day of recovery.

If Jesus were in the flesh on earth today we believe this is the work He would do in bringing comfort to the sad and lonely, the sick and the shut-in. He has committed the task to us, which we hold as a sacred trust.

I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility.—Ruskin





AN OFFICIAL WELCOME is extended to the incoming Chief of the Staff, Commissioner E. Wickberg, by General W. Kitching. During the official ceremonies indoors (see report below) Mrs. Kitching, at the extreme left of the photo, spoke words of greeting to Mrs. Wickberg, who stands between her and the General.

International Headquarters

Greets New Chief Of The Staff

"WE greet you with confidence and love," said the General at Denmark Hill in welcoming the new Chief of the Staff, Commissioner Erik Wickberg, with Mrs. Wickberg, to International Headquarters in the presence of International Commissioners and their wives and that part of the I.H.Q. staff which operates at the William Booth Memorial Buildings.

The Chief dwelt briefly on his association with International Headquarters in earlier years, paid tribute to Salvationists in Germany to whom he had recently said farewell, and by his words revealed an appreciation of qualities essential in the life of a headquarters officer. He paid tribute to former leaders and to the late Chief of the Staff, whom he had previously followed into an appointment.

He said of his new responsibility, "I have come to put all I have into

my task and to do my best," and quoted Phillips Brooks: "Peace is the balance between great tasks and great powers." "I pray," said the Chief, "that we shall all enjoy, as we go on our daily round, the peace which passeth all understanding."

Mrs. Wickberg, earlier presented by Mrs. General Kitching, had said, "It is our prayer that God will help us to be worthy of the confidence placed in us."

At night the Regent Hall was packed for the public installation of the Chief of the staff and Mrs. Commissioner Wickberg by the General. During the gathering Mrs. Commissioner O. Culshaw received the medallion signifying her completion of fifty years of active officership.

DANISH CELEBRATIONS

COPENHAGEN Temple was crowded to the last seat on a Saturday evening for the commencement of the public celebration of the beginning of women's social work in Denmark seventy years ago. Lt.-Colonel Edith L. Andersen, the W.S.W. Secretary, opened the meeting with words of welcome to Mrs. General W. Kitching, and expressed thanks to the representatives of state and municipality who had honoured the Army by their presence.

Mr. Julius Bomholt, Denmark's Minister for Social Affairs, related how the first W.S.W. centre was opened at a time when Denmark was in great need of social welfare work. "The Army's helping hand is just as necessary today as ever it was," he said.

In her address Mrs. Kitching outlined the stirring story of women's social work beginnings in Denmark. "The whole of the Army's endeavour has only one aim," she said, "and that is to meet human need. However, the belief of the Salvationist is that a change of heart is essential for the achievement of lasting results."

On Sunday the international visitor conducted well-attended meetings at Copenhagen Temple in the morning and evening. There were seekers at both gatherings.

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT

BIGADIER Harold Orton has been appointed chief accountant at International Headquarters.

Before he became an officer from Darlington Citadel in 1935, the Brigadier was engaged in accountancy.

At his commissioning he was appointed to corps work. Seven years later he was transferred to the accountants department, I.H.Q., where he has served latterly as the assistant chief accountant. He is a member of the International Staff Band. In 1953 he married Lieutenant Marion Cooper.

RETIRED OFFICERS MEET

THE Canadian and Southern Territorial leaders, Commissioner and Mrs. W. Booth and Commissioner and Mrs. W. Davidson, were the principal participants and the specially invited guests of the members of the Salvation Army Retired Officers' Association at the twenty-ninth annual reunion held this spring in St. Petersburg, Fla.

As usual, the weekend was a time of real fellowship, spiritual enrichment, and that vibrant reminiscing that comes when "oldtime" Salvationists get together. The varied public and private events were characterized by lively singing, Spirit-filled witness to God's saving and enabling power, and that special impact that comes from the alert presence, the glowing faces and the keen interest.

Adding to this year's gatherings was the fact that Commissioner Booth, widely travelled and deeply knowledgeable concerning Salvation Army history by virtue of his being the grandson of the Founder, gave vivid illustrations of incidents connected with the Army's early beginnings. This intimate sharing of family experiences, organizational problems and progress, was obviously appreciated by the veteran officers.

SPECIAL GUESTS for the retired officers' weekend in St. Petersburg, Fla., were Commissioner and Mrs. W. Booth and the Southern U.S.A. Territorial Commander (and former Canadian Chief Secretary) and Mrs. Commissioner W. Davidson. The visitors are seen in the front row.

FROM COAST TO COAST

Newsy Items Gathered By The Chief Secretary,
COLONEL A. C. CAMERON

Self-Denial Results

REPORTS are being received of the success in many corps of the Self-Denial effort, and hopes are high for the final result of the appeal throughout the territory. A report to hand from the Alberta Divisional Commander, Brigadier A. Simester gives the information that Olds (Lieutenant and Mrs. D. Howell) is the first corps in the division to send in returns. The result? —more than 100% increase on last year. Congratulations!

Red Shield Campaign

The Canadian appeal is going well across the country, and despite the high unemployment figures in some of the larger communities, the campaigns are running ahead of 1960. Congratulations are in order to Oakville and Parry Sound in Ontario and Brock Ave. Corps, the training college and Parliament St. Corps in Toronto, who were the first to exceed their objective.

Mission to Canada

The latest reports of the meetings being conducted by Tom Rees and his party in connection with the Mission to Canada are encouraging, with spiritual results being recorded.

At the Lakehead, the Fort William Salvation Army band provided a musical welcome. One thousand teenagers attended a Sunday afternoon rally in Winnipeg, and 3,000 people were on hand for the after-church meeting.

The Sick

Captain D. Hatt and Mrs. Lieutenant H. Nichol have entered hospital. Lieutenant J. Dawe underwent a serious operation and is reported to be as well as can be expected.

Aid for Searchers

A Metro Toronto police inspector phoned the Army's Welfare Department one evening, telling Brigadier S. McKinley that 175 policemen and civil defence personnel were searching for two nine-year-old lads, who were missing from their homes. "Would the Army supply refreshments for the workers?" The Brigadier notified Envoy G. Hunt, and put in a call to the Sherbourne Street Hostel (Brigadier E. Brunddon) for a good supply of sandwiches. Envoy and Mrs. Hunt picked up the sandwiches and a quantity of dry coffee, and journeyed to a shopping centre on the outskirts of Toronto, which the police had commandeered as their headquarters. There they showed the Salvationists to the banqueting hall, where an electric stove was put at their disposal. For as long as required, the Salvationists served refreshments, much to the appreciation of those helped.

Candidates' Seminar

A successful candidates' seminar was held in Toronto over a recent weekend. In addition to the private gatherings held in the training college, the young people participated whole-heartedly in special open-air attacks on Saturday night in downtown Toronto, and had the joy of seeing a number of bystanders seek the Lord.

An interesting sequel to the open-air work was recorded. A man, overhearing a cadet and a candidate praying with a needy person they had taken home from the outdoor meeting, was so convicted that he went to the Toronto Temple Corps on Sunday morning and in the officer's room was led to know Christ as Saviour.

Storm-Braving Rewarded

THE large congregation which braved sudden torrential rain and a fierce thunderstorm to hear the General and Mrs. W. Kitching address the Camberwell mid-week holiness meeting received characteristically practical teaching from an Army leader well aware of the day-to-day trials and triumphs of the spiritual life.

Greeted on their entry to the platform by a boom of thunder and the "Soldiers of Christ" Session of Cadets one of whose number voiced a greeting, General and Mrs. Kitching were introduced by the Training Principal, Lt.-Commissioner K. Westergaard who shared in a zestful meeting leadership.

With a homely illustration which at once assured her listeners' attention, Mrs. General Kitching declared that the work of redemption is Christ's alone. "We can't rely on our talents, looks and own strength to live the Christian life," she said. "We can never be saved by obedience to formal rules or through

keeping covenant terms, however strict."

In an inspiring testimony, the white-uniformed Captain R. Dalrymple, from Australia, mentally conveyed her Camberwell audience to the Army's most recent mission field as she described her work in establishing a maternal and infant welfare service in an area 5,000 ft. above sea level and two hours flight from Port Moresby, Papua, and of gradually winning the confidence of grass-skirted mothers.

Emphasizing that "it is on the soil of the heart that the conflict between the powers of darkness and light takes place", General Kitching stressed each person's own accountability to God and illustrated the sources of defeat and of defence. For a congregation varying widely in its needs, there was counsel for everyone.

Within seconds of his appeal, and before a chorus had been sung, the first of nine seekers had knelt at the mercy-seat.



Ascension Day Gatherings In Switzerland

Led By Canada's Territorial Commander

THOUSANDS of Swiss Salvationists and friends annually gather in great assemblies on Ascension Day—those from the German-speaking part of the country in Zurich, and those from the French-speaking districts in Lausanne—when the biggest auditoriums are taken for the event. This is the great occasion of the year for The Salvation Army in Switzerland.

At the meetings recently held in Zurich, a great welcome was given to Canada's Territorial Commander and Mrs. Commissioner W. Booth, who were the special speakers. The veterans, especially, were more than delighted to greet the grandson of the Army's Founder and the son of Bramwell Booth who had both often visited Switzerland in days gone by.

Several thousand comrades, young and old, took part in a great march through the broad Bahnhofstrasse to the Congress House, a half-hour's walk away. Standing on a raised dais, the visitors from Canada, with Switzerland's Territorial Commander and Mrs. Lt.-Commissioner J. Dent, and the Chief Secretary and Mrs. Colonel A. Dürig, took the salute. (Thirteen bands were in the procession.) The meeting which followed was comparatively short but, at the conclusion, a good many seekers knelt at the mercy-seat. Commissioner Booth spoke with fervour about the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.

In the early afternoon the spacious hall was packed for a young people's demonstration. Five girl guides received the "General's Guide" award, after which an impressive presentation of "Our Corps—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" was given. This included items by a young people's band, a young people's string band, a pantomime by the guides, a Negro spiritual by the scouts, and a tambourine display. An urgent appeal for candidates was made and readily responded to by a score of young people.

After half-an-hour's recess, the third meeting of the day began, the large crowd containing many outsiders and newcomers. In the morning, Commissioner Booth had surprised the audience by giving a short greeting in good German. Mrs. Booth now gave a message in French which was understood by many. (The visitors were translated when-

ever necessary.) She spoke convincingly of the healing and saving power of Christ. Later, the Commissioner addressed the congregation and urged his listeners to search their hearts and determine whether they were true disciples of the Master. Again the penitent-form was filled with seekers; chairs had to be brought to make more room and even on the platform people were kneeling in prayer.

A rousing salvation song introduced the last meeting of the day. Although many who lived in remote places had already left, another great crowd listened to the messages given by the overseas visitors, and the day's efforts were crowned with more seekers, making the total for the day 273.

On the Tuesday, Commissioner and Mrs. Booth met with the officers of French Switzerland in Lausanne and, on Wednesday evening, the Commissioner presided over a musical festival there. More than a thousand people pressed into the Chapelle des Terreaux, many of whom attended especially to greet their "Major and Mrs. Booth", who had been their divisional leaders in Lausanne from 1934 to 1940. Needless to say, the visitors received an enthusiastic welcome.

During her stay in Zurich, Mrs. Booth, together with Mrs. Lt.-Commissioner Dent and Mrs. Colonel Dürig, met thirty members of the Salvation Army Nurses Fellowship.

IN MONTREAL, Mrs. Commissioner W. Booth presents thirty-year service pins to league of mercy workers Mrs. E. Ramsay and Mrs. Adnum, while Mrs. Brigadier C. Sim and Mrs. Brigadier W. Ross look on.



HISTORY-MAKING EVENT

Nurses Graduate From Winnipeg Grace Hospital

HISTORY was written when the largest class in the history of Winnipeg Grace Hospital—fifty-nine in number—was graduated from the training school. The Sunday morning meeting was held in the new Citadel auditorium, and the leadership of the weekend events was undertaken by the Staff Secretary, Lt.-Colonel R. Gage, accompanied by Mrs. Gage.

The Women's Social Service Secretary, Lt.-Colonel H. Janes—who had been director of nurses when the first class graduated from the new training school—spoke of those days, and Mrs. Lt.-Colonel Gage gave an inspirational talk on being arrayed in white raiment. The graduating class sang "I Would be True", and the Citadel sextette, as well as the band and songster brigade, contributed to a helpful atmosphere in which the Staff Secretary issued a challenge to sacrifice and service.

In the evening, those concerned wended their way to Young United Church, where Army leaders took over after the Minister, the Rev. R. Dolan, had conducted an informal hymn sing. The Divisional Commander, Lt.-Colonel A. Moulton, read the Scripture portion, the Public Relations Officer, Major S. Mundy, opened the service with prayer, and the student nurses, who occupied the choir loft in the absence of the church choir at Grand Forks, N.D., sang a song of dedication. The message given by Lt.-Colonel Gage led his listeners to the culminating point of separation from sin and denial of self in order to live a God-glorying life.

In the same church on the Monday evening, a number of persons stood throughout the graduation service as all seats were filled. In the hospital report, given by the Medical Superintendent Dr. McCreath, the doctor quoted record after record which had been broken during the previous year. The diplomas were presented by Lt.-Colonel Janes, the pins by the Director of Nursing, Major G. McGregor, and the prizes by the President of the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. J. Gargett, and the President of the Nurses' Alumnae, Mrs. J. Reid Taylor.

Spiritual Resources Emphasized

Class valedictorian was Nurse A. Penner, and Mr. R. Dodds was soloist. While the Staff Secretary presided, the main address was given by the Rev. D. Bruce McDonald, who pointed out the necessity for using spiritual resources as well as physical.

Greetings from the Manitoba Government were brought by Dr. Hugh Malcolman, of the Provincial Department of Health and Welfare; the Scripture portion was read by Dr. Henderson Read, the recital of the Florence Nightingale Pledge was directed by Miss Seeman, and the dedicatory prayer was given by Mrs. Lt.-Colonel Gage.

The award winners were: Nurse B. Gibson, on nomination of her fellow students; K. Turner and B. Friesen, for general proficiency; and M. Belyea, for theory. The Hospital Administrator is Lt.-Colonel Gladys Gage.

for luncheon with the guest speaker, Mrs. Colonel C. Knaap.

Representative home league women from Windsor, Essex, Leamington, Kingsville, Ridgetown and Wallaceburg united with the Chatham members. The Divisional Secretary, Mrs. Lt.-Colonel J. Nelson, opened the session and Mrs. Major B. Bernat extended a hearty welcome to visiting leaders and delegates, to which Mrs. Knaap replied. The divisional secretary spoke about past achievements and related some of her hopes for the future.

An interesting feature was the adding of leaves to an apple-blossom tree (prepared by Mrs. Major Ostryk) with the receipt of donations from the different corps, each leaf containing money donated for the completion of the kitchen and for other improvements at the divisional camp Glenhuron. There was much rejoicing when the total of \$371 was announced. Captain M. Rose led the responsive Scripture reading and Mrs. Major Ostryk soloed.

As Mrs. Colonel Knaap addressed her hearers, they realized afresh the importance and dignity of the role of home-maker, and the opportunities which lie on every hand for the follower of Christ to spread the good tidings of redeeming love. Also taking part was Mrs. Captain C. Bradley.

Dinner was arranged by the Chatham Home League and served by the young people of the corps.

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AN ADVENTURE IN FRIENDSHIP

Home League Women Rally At Various Points

EVERY corps in the Mid-Ontario Division was represented at the annual home league rally held in Peterborough, when the Temple was packed to capacity. The opening exercises included a Scripture recital by Mrs. Major E. Lindsay (R). The united home league singers (Mrs. Captain D. Hollingworth) sang, and the special guests, Mrs. Lt.-Colonel W. Rich and Mrs. Lt.-Commissioner F. Ham (R), were welcomed by Mrs. C. Robertson, Lindsay.

Mrs. J. Bellingham, Oshawa, told the story of her conversion as the result of a home league contact, and reported a complete family of seven won for Christ and the Army.

The shields were awarded to

Oshawa for the larger corps, and to Picton for the smaller corps. Following this, the Divisional Secretary, Mrs. Lt.-Colonel S. Gennery, reported that the recent Brazilian project had received \$125 from the Mid-Ontario Division. The total amount of \$1,770 was raised for the new training college project, and \$800 was given by the leagues for the purchase of a new camp stove.

There was a solemn moment of remembrance of home league members promoted to Glory since the last rally, when prayer was offered by Mrs. H. Parnell, Peterborough.

"Keep your dreams awake", said Mrs. Lt.-Colonel W. Rich in her message which touched on such vital subjects as the woman's responsibil-

ity as a parent and a wife. There were two seekers at the end of the afternoon meeting.

A local hotel was the venue for the dinner attended by several hundred women. Mrs. Major F. Pierce, Fenelon Falls, Mrs. C. Brown, Oshawa, Mrs. Filtz, Kingston, and Mrs. Lane, Belleville, received prizes for bringing new members to their respective leagues.

Young People Participate

The evening programme held in the auditorium of Peterborough Collegiate was opened by the divisional commander. A Scripture recital by the Oshawa League and a selection by the Peterborough Young People's Band (G. Weller) was followed by a humorous recitation by Miss. M. Angrove, of Kingston. A vocal selection by the united league singers was followed by a skit, "Little White Jumbo," by the Picton League. Ronald Pringle, accompanied by the Peterborough Young People's Band, gave a drum solo.

The focal point of the evening was a presentation, "The Challenge of the Cross," by women officers of the division. Mrs. Lt.-Colonel Rich gave an appeal before the benediction was pronounced. Mrs. Captain J. Reid also participated.—P.M.R.

AT CHATHAM

LEAGUERS in the western part of the Western Ontario Division gathered for their rally at Chatham. Activities commenced at noon when the "silver star" mothers gathered



Youth Assists League of Mercy

AT THE LEFT is shown a group of children who accompanied league members when they distributed treats to elderly residents of institutions at Fort Macleod, Alta. (Lieutenant and Mrs. D. Marshall).

A heart-moving story comes from Nova Scotia where a husband and wife team of league of mercy workers heard of a neglected family. The parents had deserted their six children, leaving them in a shack with no windows in it. This had been the living quarters for the family for some time. Worse still, the only ones left to care for the children were two men addicted to drink, and known for their evil ways.

On learning of the plight of this family, the league workers were particularly concerned for the little girl whom they took into their own home. The child was in a filthy condition. She was bathed, clothed and lovingly cared for, to which she responded with affection. The family is back together again, the parents having returned with the promise they will do better. The mother has written a letter of deep gratitude to the Salvationists for the kindness shown and this has brought a warm glow to the hearts of Brother and Sister J. Banks who were glad to be of service to the family.



LEAGUE OF MERCY worker, Mrs. R. Haynes, of Saint John, N.B., Citadel Corps is presented with a Certificate of Recognition for faithful service by the Divisional Secretary, Mrs. Brigadier W. Pedlar. The Treasurer, Mrs. Major S. Tuck, looks on.

During a large fire in Kelowna, B.C., a league of mercy member spent six hours serving coffee and sandwiches to the firemen, while others worked at the hall, making sandwiches. A second terrible fire broke out, and two members worked for several hours to keep up the supply of refreshments for the fire-fighters. A retired officer, Major



The Ministry of The League of Mercy

Rose Weir, worked at this task all night.

At Powell River, B.C., Brother Vatnik makes contact with the deep-sea ships coming into port, and distributes Swedish War Crys. This comrade seeks to bring blessing to the sailors who are of different nationalities. Vessels have recently come from Sweden and Norway.

The league is growing in Bermuda and recently the Divisional Secretary, Mrs. Brigadier C. Watt, commissioned fifteen new members. On this occasion an effective programme was given, comprised of musical items and a dramatic number, entitled "The League of Mercy Basket."

At the Hillcrest Convalescent Home in Toronto, where Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Morgan visit, God has wonderfully blessed their ministry. While visiting her own mother in hospital, Mrs. Morgan made contact with a patient in the same room and, before her death, won her for Christ. The members were able to comfort the husband and family, and they arranged for the funeral services, with Captain A. Millar officiating. Before this, Mrs. Morgan had gathered the family together and had had them cleaned up, as they were in a pitiful condition. Two of the boys were in reform schools. This comrade also arranged for a relative to care for the children while the husband sought employment. Captain B. Robertson now sees that the children attend the Riverdale company meeting.

A report from Edmonton, Alta., tells how a patient in the sanatorium

requested that someone who could speak German would get in touch with his newly-immigrated wife. This was done by the league of mercy within a couple of hours of receiving the request.

At Fort Macleod, Alta., a group of children accompanied league of mercy members when they visited a hospital for the chronically ill and another home for the elderly. The children brought happiness to those visited, and "treats" were distributed.

Also from Alberta we learn that a league member in hospital for treatment in a distant city found many opportunities for service. He helped patients into their wheelchairs, took others to visit friends in the hospital, and was able to assist those who could not use their hands. Said the head nurse, "He was a real source of blessing and help and we will miss him very much."

In Saskatoon, Sask., a leaguer was able to assist the doctor by acting as interpreter for a patient who could not speak English. Another member had learned that she was to enter the hospital for surgery. It was her day to visit the hospital for

the league of mercy and she could easily have excused herself for not going, but off she went and, during the course of her visitation, she was able to bring words of comfort to a dying man. Before she left the hospital one of the nurses told her the man had passed away. If she had stopped to think of herself instead of others she would have missed the opportunity of ministering to him.

The Regina League had received several letters from a woman in South Burnaby, B.C., requesting that someone visit her aged mother, who is a patient in the Provincial Geriatric Centre. The members visited her a number of times but discovered that she would not, or could not, speak and would not respond in any way. However, when it was learned that she was German it was arranged for a comrade who speaks the German language to visit her, along with the secretary, and they were privileged to impart a message to her. The nursing staff were pleased with the response, and the daughter has been informed of the visits.

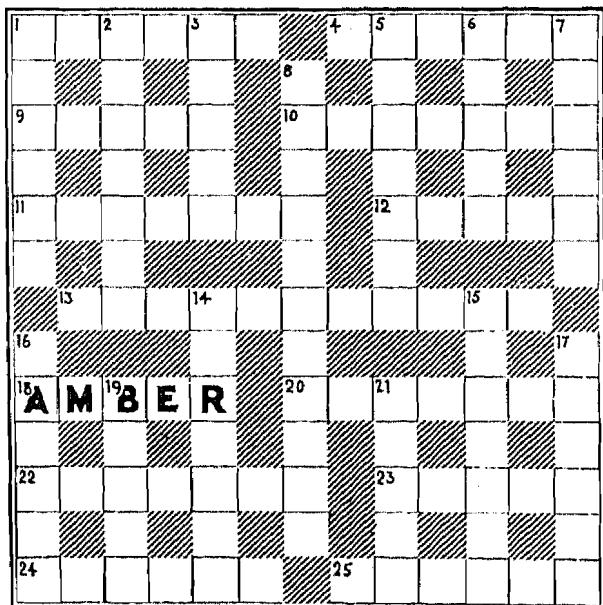
St. Ann's Military Hospital in Montreal is visited regularly by the league. The members have been commended for their faithfulness, and told how much their service helps the patients, and that they look forward with keen anticipation to the monthly visits. A Hindu patient had been taken off one of the boats. He could speak very little English but as soon as he saw the Salvation Army uniform he recognized it and fell at the workers' feet asking for their prayers.



SOME NORTHSIDE MEMBERS of the Edmonton, Alta., League of Mercy who visit the Sherbrooke Old Folks' Home are photographed with the Superintendent, Mrs. Pigeon. They are (left to right) Envoy and Mrs. H. Weaver, the Divisional Secretary, Mrs. Brigadier A. Simester, and Mrs. Watkins.

Scriptural Crossword Puzzle

Where a dash occurs, the missing word is the required solution. Biblical references are given in a separate section, to be used if required. Solution to the puzzle will appear next week.



ACROSS
1. God has chosen us to salvation through this of the truth

vation through this of the truth

4. The fame of Jesus was this abroad throughout Galilee
9. Gabriel told Mary: "Blessed art thou — women"
10. "Thou — Thine hand, they are filled with good"
11. Isaiah lamented the fact that such people had been treacherous
12. Twelve baskets were filled with bread after the five thousand had done this
13. Our Lord gave authority to Christians for this
18. Ezekiel saw this colour in the midst of the whirlwind
20. "The haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part — to depart thence"
22. The elders of Jabesh asked Nahash for one of seven days
23. Jesus told the seventy not to carry one
24. The Israelites were to regard abominations with utter this
25. The cleansed leper had to show himself to one

DOWN

1. Some of the shipwrecked prisoners reached land safely on them
2. Can one change his spots?
3. The fourth beast John saw was like a flying one
5. Moses wrote one for the hardness of the people's heart
6. Upright
7. "He is proud, knowing nothing but — about questions and strifes"
8. Jesus is this for evermore
14. The waterpots at the wedding feast held two or three
15. "Teaching them to — all things whatsoever I have commanded you"
16. New wine bursts old bottles, and they will be this
17. A season of the Church's year
19. Let us lay aside "the sin which doth so easily — us"
21. This beast did not harm Paul

BUS OWNER IMPRESSED

WHEN first anniversary meetings of the "over-sixties" club were held recently at a Manchester corps, coaches brought members from two of the Army's eventide homes. One coach owner was so much impressed by such work that he made no charge for the coach.

REFERENCE ACROSS

1. 2 Thess. 2. 4. Mark 1. 9. Luke 1. 10. Ps. 104. 11. Is. 24. 12. John 6. 13. 2 Cor. 10. 18. Ezek. 1. 20. Acts 27. 22. 1 Sam. 11. 23. Luke 10. 24. Deut. 7. 25. Luke 5.

DOWN

1. Acts 27. 2. Jer. 13. 3. Rev. 4. 5. Mark 10. 7. 1 Tim. 6. 8. Heb. 7. 14. John 2. 15. Matt. 28. 16. Mark 2. 19. Heb. 12. 21. Acts 28.

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

ACROSS
4. PROMISE. 8. EXPERT. 9. CAPTAIN. 10. PLAINS. 12. GOD. 14. REIGN. 15. NEED. 16. NEVER. 21. BROTH. 23. BOTH. 24. SORRY. 25. HID. 28. NOISED. 29. ABRAHAM. 30. TRUSTY. 31. BETHANY.

DOWN

1. KEEPING. 2. SPEAKER. 3. BRING. 5. REAP. 6. MOTHER. 7. STINGS. 11. SON. 13. DEATH. 14. RED. 17. CRY. 18. POSSESS. 19. THE DAYS. 20. DOUBLE. 21. BREATH. 22. HIN. 26. DOERS. 27. BARN.

TWO ELUSIVE DAYS

BY SR.-MAJOR C. GODDEN

ONE of the most comforting Bible promises is: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be."

We are often more concerned about things of yesterday and tomorrow than those of today. The nerves of multitudes of people are frayed by worrying about the two days which are not ours to worry about — yesterday has gone into eternity and is irrecoverable; tomorrow is not ours, and may never come for us!

Today is the day, and we should live it to the utmost. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God," and the material things would follow in their proper sequence.

We sometimes do not realize that when we dwell too much on the troubles and burdens of yesterday and seek God's blessing for tomorrow, we are asking the unreasonable from Him who taught a daily trust. Did He not provide daily manna for His people, with guidance, strength and sustenance?

Jesus taught us to pray for daily bread and forgiveness; also that our Heavenly Father careth for the sparrows.

If we observe Christ's teaching and have a daily religion twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, fifty-two weeks in a year, we shall abandon worry and will not need tranquilizers, for as our days so shall our strength be.

Build a little fence of trust around today, Fill the space with loving works and therein stay, Look not through the sheltering bars upon tomorrow — God will help thee bear what comes of joy or sorrow.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

For Family and Private Worship

SUNDAY—

Numbers 24:1-11. "THE LORD HATH KEPT THEE BACK FROM HONOUR." This was so clear to the onlookers that even King Balak, heathen as he was, ascribed it to the Lord, the Protector of Israel. The Devil still deceives his dupes in a similar way today. Many would tell you this if they spoke the truth. Balaam lost even the temporal prosperity and worldly honour for which he had sold himself.

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MONDAY—

Numbers 24:12-25. "HE . . . WHICH KNEW THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MOST HIGH." Balaam's story shows the terrible possibility of really knowing God and of passing on His blessings and warning to others, yet ending up life as a backslider. Before his death in battle while fighting against God's people, Balaam led the Israelites into terrible sin, and his memory will always be hated. What a sad end for a man who once knew God!

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TUESDAY—

Numbers 27:12, 23. "LET THE LORD . . . SET A MAN OVER THE CONGREGATION." Moses had the father heart, the shepherd spirit. He knew that Israel's new leader must be of God's choosing — no one else would have the needed love and patience to bear with the people's faults and failings. Only "the God of the Spirit of all flesh" could rightly choose and fit their new leader for his difficult work.

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WEDNESDAY—

Philippians 1:1-14 — "HE WHICH HATH BEGIN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL PERFORM IT UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST!"

Take courage, soul! Our Father's grace is equal to our needs, And we must trust and follow where He leads; He'll safely guide If we just holding fast His hand, Keep by His side.

The Secret School of Prayer

BY IVAN SHEROFFSKI

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." — (Matthew 6:6).

THERE are preachers who fill great cathedrals with their eloquence; there are men of God who make a sanctuary of a small country church; there are those to whom the call to witness takes them no farther than their home town. Others travel long distances and witness for God wherever they go. These Christians radiate a Christ-like influence that cannot be mistaken. Their devotion to God is the same during the week as on Sunday.

The Christian Church, which includes The Salvation Army, has many such people who reflect Christ in their daily lives. They make the closet their battlefield of faith, and much of their praying is done in private on their knees.

David, who became Israel's king, was a man of prayer. He prepared for his public life and service in the secret school of communion with God. He had found strength and resources during his life in the desert as a shepherd lad, and these had enabled him to slay the lion and the bear. Later he slew the giant Goliath, the enemy of Israel, and proved the power of God in whom he had trusted.

David had gone through a time of trial; there had been secret dealings with God and communion in prayer, and he had been well rewarded with

victory. It is in the secret place of prayer that the Christian, too, may gain victory. He who deals much with God in private, needs no earthly weapons. Like David, he cannot fight in God's name and wear the world's armour. Prayer and faith will win the day.

David said: "God hath delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, and He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine." He knew that one deliverance was as easy to God as the other. He measured every difficulty by the power of God. More than one zealous servant of God has failed in some trifling service because he had not placed his trust fully in the Lord.

The quality of our faith reveals our weakness clearly, and we learn that nothing less than God's power can enable us to become overcomers. Faith never makes light of a danger, because it knows our frailty. On the other hand faith does not faint at the danger, because it knows what God can do for us.

DISCIPLINE

WHEN parents talk about "discipline," they mean a rigid set of rules to prevent the child from misbehaving. But the only discipline worthy of the name lies in providing a solid framework of ideals—not for the child to live up to, but for the parents to live within.

You can beat a child until he is black and you are blue, but it cannot make him any better than the examples he sees around him every day.



HEAVENLY RESOURCES

BY SR.-MAJOR MRS. ALDERMAN

"Mercy drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead."

IT had been a season of drought, and the farmers were suffering because their cattle were needing more water. They had to haul water in barrels for miles to supply their needs. The winter had produced but little snow, and the ground was left bare and exposed to the frost.

How like some spiritual experiences! We pray for showers of blessing, and God in mercy refreshes our lives. For a time we feel satisfied, sometimes too satisfied. Then the cold winds of adversity blow, or the frosts of spiritual coldness come over us. Not only does this affect our own lives, but also the lives of others.

In many of the new buildings today thought has been given to the possibility of icy conditions of steps and walks. Before the cement is poured, pipes are installed. Heat then circulates in the pipes, so that the steps never freeze over and the walk is never slippery. It is safe for any who go that way.

Our Heavenly Father, the Creator and Builder of our lives, has provided the necessary warmth for our spiritual needs. Just as the pipes carry the steam from the furnace, the glow of God's Spirit permeates our very beings, so that those around can be warmed by our influence. We are spiritually warm because of our connection with the abundant supply. This is not "on a meter"; it is as abundant as our need.

FOR TIME AND ETERNITY

EVERY generation needs regeneration; none needs it more than the present.

God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination. —Augustine

SATURDAY—

Philippians 2:12-21. "ALL SEEK THEIR OWN." Timothy was one of the exceptions to this rule of self-seeking. How highly Paul spoke of him, and yet he does not mention any especially clever trait in his character. The rare quality in which he excelled was one which we can all copy, and the one which, of all others, will do most to mould our characters after the pattern which Jesus Himself has set us.

STEADYING INFLUENCES

MORE people than we shall ever know have come through difficult places in life because of the steady influence of a true and loyal friend. There are few of us who do not discover that life has its rough periods, and we do not know how we would have come through these apart from God's aid, without a helpful companion.

A writer in the Montreal Family Herald illustrates the point: "There is

they stopped and looked around. 'Do you know?' said one to another, 'that was the Dark Mile we came through, and we never even saw it?'

Many a soul can bear witness to a similar experience, and many a dark mile in life has been traversed with steadier step because someone at our side walked it with us. This is a ministry almost all can exercise, and may result in the strengthening of our faith.

Official Gazette

PROMOTIONS--

To be Lt. Colonel:
Brigadiers Morgan Flannigan, George Hartas, John Nelson

Erik Wickberg

Chief of the Staff

APPOINTMENTS--

Lt.-Colonel Ernest Fitch, Men's Social Service Secretary
Lt.-Colonel George Hartas, Assistant Men's Social Service Secretary
Mrs. Brigadier Howard Fisher, Territorial Headquarters (Finance Department)
Captain Charles Stanley, Whitbourne, Nfld.
Lieutenant Joan Potter, East Windsor, Ont. (pro tem)
Lieutenant Arlene Tomlinson, Territorial Headquarters (Special Work, pro tem)

RETIREMENT FROM ACTIVE SERVICE--

Brigadier Norman Buckley, out of Calgary Citadel in 1926. Mrs. Buckley (nee Frances Houghton), out of Vancouver I in 1926. Last appointment, Territorial Headquarters, Trade Secretary, on May 15th, 1961.

W. Wycliffe Booth
Territorial Commander

Coming Events

Commissioner and Mrs. W. Booth

Toronto Temple: Sat-Mon June 3-5
London: Sun-Mon June 11-12
Eaton Auditorium, Toronto: Sat June 17 (Cadets' Annual Programme)
Bramwell Booth Temple, Toronto: Sun June 18 (Cadets' Recognition Meetings)

Commissioner and Mrs. N. Marshall

Toronto Temple: Sat-Mon June 3-5

Colonel and Mrs. A. Cameron

Woodstock: Sat June 3
Fredericton: Sun June 4 (morning)
Saint John Citadel: Sun June 4 (evening)
Moncton: Mon June 5
Eaton Auditorium, Toronto: Sat June 17 (Cadets' Annual Programme)
Bramwell Booth Temple, Toronto: Sun June 18 (Cadets' Recognition Meetings)

Mrs. Colonel A. Cameron

Jackson's Point: Tues-Fri June 27-30

COLONEL AND MRS. C. KNAAP

Niagara Falls: June 3-4

MRS. COLONEL C. KNAAP

Camp Selkirk: June 19-22

Hawk River Camp: June 27-30

L.T.-COLONEL R. GAGE

Peterborough Temple: June 10-11

Lt.-Colonel E. Burnell: Hopkins Landing June 26-30; Camp Arrow Trail July 3-7

Lt.-Colonel M. Flannigan: Mimico June 4

Lt.-Colonel H. Jones: Charlottetown June 2-3; Saint John June 4-6

Lt.-Colonel F. Moulton: Danforth Corps, Toronto June 11; Camp Glenhuron June 16-18

Lt.-Colonel W. Rich: Hamilton Citadel June 4
Brigadier A. Brown: Vancouver June 7-9; Edmonton Citadel June 10-12; Saskatoon June 13-14

Brigadier J. Calvert: Oakville June 11

Brigadier L. Pindred: Powell River June 2-4; Victoria Citadel June 10-11; Hopkins Landing June 18; Vancouver Temple June 25

Major K. Rawlins: Welland June 3-4; Atlanta June 10-11

Spiritual Special

Brigadier G. Wheeler: Cottrell's Cove June 4-8; Grand Falls June 11-12

FOR SALE: 55-key concertina (Wheatstone duet model) complete with new case, valued at \$200, sell for \$100. Write to A. R. Dee, 5018 - 21A St. S. W., Calgary, Alberta.

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CHRISTIANS MAKE GOOD CITIZENS

A Series On Outstanding Army Personalities

SON OF A PIONEER

EARLY-DAY Salvationists will immediately recall the name of Rawling—for one of the stalwarts of the eighties was Lt.-Colonel John, who was attracted as a farm-lad to the Army in Ontario, had a thorough change of heart, endured hardship as a young officer in the rough-and-tumble persecution of those days, and rose to be Field Secretary of the territory.

His son, Clayton, was born when he was stationed in Winnipeg. As a lad "Clay" joined the Territorial Young People's Band in Toronto, later transferring to the Montreal Citadel Band and other bands as his parents moved from place to place.

He was appointed bandmaster of the newly-opened corps at Verdun during World War One, but enlisted soon afterwards, first with the 59th Kingston Regiment, then with the "London Own", (142nd) serving as an officer in the infantry. He had fellowship with the band of the regiment which was composed chiefly of Salvationists.

Wounded in the Battle of Vimy Ridge, he was discharged from the military in 1919, and became paymaster with the Ford Motor Company in Windsor. His soldiership with the Windsor 1 Corps has lasted for over forty years, Brother Rawling holding successively the positions of deputy bandmaster, young people's bandleader and young people's sergeant-major.

During World War Two Brother



Rawling served as a major of a reserve military unit, while still managing an insurance business. He is remembered with affection by the letters he sent monthly to the Salvationists who were away from the corps on military duty. He has been district governor of the Lions Club on two occasions, necessitating speaking visits to forty clubs in Western Ontario each year. Brother Rawling has represented The Salvation Army on the Family Service Bureau of Windsor—a counselling service—for eight years, also serving as president of that board.

Both of "Clay's" sons are medical doctors; there is a daughter also.

Brother and Sister Rawling are justly proud of their eight grandchildren, two of whom are young people's bandmen of Flint, Mich.

Throughout this varied career, Clayton has always announced his association as a Salvationist, and is grateful for the training and heritage of his parents.

RECORD SALE

In addition to Salvation Army records we handle all Singspiration and Sacred recordings and also some of outstanding English bands. As we are discontinuing 78 rpm except on special order the following are on sale at three for \$1.00, postage and packing 40c for three, and 5c for each additional record. The stock of sonic records is low, so we suggest you give a few substitute numbers.

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"Introduction Act 3 'Lohengrin'"
592—"The Frogs"—Part 1 & 2—Fairy Aviation Works Band
593—"Trumpet Tune"—Fairy Aviation Works Band
"The Frogs"—Part 3
594—"Bonasteller"—Fairy Aviation Works Band
"Sunday Morning"
635—"Diabolero"
"Cornet Carillon"
623—"Diadem of Gold"—Part 3 & 4—Foden's Motor Works Band
652—"Tournament for Brass"—Eric Ball/Part 1 & 4—Munn and Felton's Works Band
653—"Tournament for Brass"—Part 2 & 3
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When remittance is enclosed with order, including postage and packing, it speeds delivery.

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My dear Friends:

We would like to express our appreciation to those who have kindly expressed themselves as being interested in our weekly letter at the bottom of our War Cry advertisement. If you have any suggestions whereby we can make the weekly letters of more interest and help, we would gladly welcome them.

Our tailoring and dressmaking sections are still running behind schedule, but with added staff we are catching up a little. Please be patient with us. Some of the tailors are working extra time to overcome the problem.

We wonder if many of our good customers could not avail themselves more than they do of the merchandise the Trade Department has to offer, that could take care of some of your birthday and other anniversary gifts? Lovely sterling silver cuff links, Army crest pins, and so many other things that we are sure would be welcomed and appreciated. Why not send your enquiries to us?

A. Calvert,
Brigadier, Trade Secretary

MISSING PERSONS

The Salvation Army will assist in the search for missing relatives. Please read the list below, and if you know the present address of any person listed, or any information which will be helpful in continuing the search, kindly contact the Men's Social Service Secretary, 20 Albert Street, Toronto; marking your envelope "Inquiry."

CADWELL, Lillian F. (nee Bell). Left home in Sechelt, B.C. Jan. 1952. Stayed in Vancouver 1 year. Last seen Feb. 1953. Family anxious. 16-919

BRUCE, Timothy, alias Philip Rodd. Born June 1/1924 in Toronto. Truck driver or T.V. technician. Last heard from in Vancouver Feb. 1961. 16-874

CORCORAN, William Gerald. Born Oct. 15/1909 at Rotherham, England. Has been catering manager. Last heard of 3 years ago from Toronto. Sister in England inquiring. 16-860

KESKINEN, Mr. Tauno Kalevi. Born April 18/1928 in Finland. Last heard from 1959 from Beaver Cove, B.C. Has also been at Englewood and Vancouver, B.C. Mother anxious. 16-914

LEE, Jonas William (Bill). Born April 15/1928 in Sheffield, England. Has lived at Kirkland Lake, Ont. Believed to be in Montreal. Friends anxious. 15-903

LINDQUIST, Nils Jonas Axel (uses Axel). Born Dec. 24/1893 in Sweden. Last heard from 1953 from North Bay, Ont. May have lived in Toronto. May be deceased. Confirmation required. News of any kind will be appreciated. Brother inquiring. 16-719

MANSON, Alexander Digby. Born June 27/1933 approximately, in Canada. Occupation poet and philosopher. Unsuccessful candidate in election in Regina about 1957. Wife Ruth lives in Halifax, N.S. Father in Vancouver. Friend in England inquiring. 16-923

MICHELL, Peggy. Originally Margate Isabelle May, adopted Mitchell. Born July 29/1920, daughter of George H. May of Secretan, Sask. Was in Nanaimo, B.C. in 1938. Said to be in Vancouver and Victoria later. Believed to be nurse. Brother inquiring. 16-713

McDONALD, James. Born Dec. 24/1926 in Belfast, Ireland. Left Toronto March 1960. Was in Edmonton, Alta. in Jan. 1961. Has been in Calgary. Worked for Arctic Construction Co., Fort St. John, B.C. Relative wishes to contact. 16-603

NUMMINIME, Mr. Veikko. Born May 15/1937 in Finland. Last heard from in Feb. 1960 from Elliot Lake, Ont. Believed to have moved to Toronto. Mother anxious. 16-856

ORLINCKY, Rosalie, age 49 and daughter Christina, age 7. Missing from home in Toronto since July 28/1960. Husband inquiring. 16-936

TRAVELLING?

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PANTON, Sandra Vera (alias McRoberts). Born Feb 20/1944. Fond of horses, good rider. Interested in ranch life, also in designing or commercial art. Has a blood disease similar to Lukemia. Left home in Saskatoon July 1960. Mother very anxious. 16-941

PEARRULT, Austin James. Age about 50. Single when last heard of. Farm worker. Last heard from about 4 years ago from Cobourg, Ont. Sister wishes to locate. 16-927

PELLETIER, Lawrence (Larry). Born May 7/1943 at Duck Lake, Sask. May work on farm or ranch. Was in Calgary Dec. 1960, and Saskatoon Jan. 1961. Family anxious. Brother inquiring. 16-942

SMITH, Patricia Lorraine. Age 19. Left Vancouver University Dec. 1960. Last heard from April 22/1961. Parents very anxious. 16-951

SUNDSTROM, Siegrud Rudolph. Born in Sweden in 1902. Very fair. Married. Was in Winnipeg 1936-37. Believed to be in British Columbia. Brother inquiring. 16-938

VILLAMO, Mr. Onni. Born in Virrat, Finland in 1896. Was at Hearst, Ont. in 1957. Son inquiring. 16-926

WISE or WICE, Rachel Margaret. Born June 27/1905 at Loring, Ont. Brought up in foster home, may have used name of foster-parents. May be married. Tip of one finger missing. Mother very ill, wishes to contact. 16-933

WOOD, Margaret Isabell. Born March 2/1927 or 28 in Toronto. Waitress. Husband's name may be Vern Gagnier or Gagne. Last heard from May, 1954. May be in Montreal. Mother inquiring. 16-930

Never let the fact that you cannot understand the "theology" of conversion rob you of the experience.

IN THE SEA-GIRT ISLE

The Chief Secretary Meets With The Young People

YOUNG Salvationists from the St. John's, Nfld., area recently gathered for youth councils conducted by the Chief Secretary, Colonel A. Cameron, who was accompanied by Mrs. Cameron, and supported by the Provincial Commander and Mrs. Colonel E. Fewster, the Provincial Young People's Secretary and Mrs. Captain W. Davies and other staff.

On Saturday evening an interesting programme was presented by the young people of the city, with guides, brownies, scouts, cubs, young people's bands and singing companies participating. The Citadel Band (Bandmaster J. Crocker) played "Glorious Treasures", and the cadets presented a stirring drama in which youth was found evaluating the world and all it had to offer, finally reaching the conclusion the greatest values are found in Christ and His cross.

Christ Exalted

The Sunday morning session commenced with the singing of a "pledge of allegiance" to Christ. The young people's secretary called the roll and the provincial commander gave a welcome to the territorial visitors. Mrs. Cameron spoke of the leadings of the Holy Spirit in her life and gave some sound advice. Papers on the present campaign slogan, "Win one in '61—How young people can meet this challenge," were given by Corps Cadet L. Moore, of the Mundy Pond Corps, and Bandsman R. Chaytor, of the Temple. Student Nurse A. Tuff gave a paper on "Holiness, an experience for youth", and Songster G. Woodland soloed.

In his message the Chief Secretary made it plain that divine power is necessary to rise to Heavenly places in the spiritual life, and the young people were challenged to follow Christ as their Ideal.

In the afternoon session, a representative from each corps took part in a lively *War Cry* quiz. The Citadel quartette sang, and a panel discussion followed on the subject, "This is your life." A brass ensemble gave a number, after which Cadet H. Rideout told about the call of God in his life. Hearts were mellowed by the sight of young people standing under the colours, offering themselves to God and the Army.

The evening session started with a singspiration period. Candidate V. Cave gave a paper on "Youthful Evangelism". A period of personal witnessing was led by Major E. Duffett, and Songster Mrs. D. Benson soloed.

Colonel Cameron gave a heart-searching message, reminding all that when the challenge of God is accepted the impossible can be accomplished. In the well-fought prayer meeting, led by Colonel Fewster and Brigadier W. Oakley, many young people knelt at the mercy-seat, claiming Christ as Saviour and Lord, and dedicating their lives to His service. The Provincial Secretary, Brigadier S. Jackson, also took part, and the Temple Band (Bandmaster W. Howse,) gave excellent service during the day. In each of the sessions the doctrines of The Salvation Army were repeated by the congregation.

On Monday evening an "afterglow" was held in the Temple, when lively singing and a period of witnessing were enjoyed. The girls' trio also sang. Colonel Cameron again addressed the young people, and the weekend services concluded with a song of victory and thanksgiving.

FINISHED WHERE THEY STARTED

ON the final Sunday evening of their service, the former Men's Social Service Secretary, Colonel E. Waterston, with Mrs. Waterston, conducted a meeting on the same spot of ground where they started as cadets forty-seven years ago—formerly the Toronto Training College, now the Sherbourne Street Men's Hostel. Also present, in addition to the men of the hostel, were the officers of all the men's social service departments in the city.

Greetings from the Territorial Commander were brought by Lt.-Colonel E. Fitch, Brigadier B. Welbourn spoke on behalf of his officer-comrades, the Scripture portion was read by Envoy F. Farr, and Captain E. Paynter soloed.

Mrs. Waterston spoke, and the Colonel, after making reference to the years which lay behind him, addressed himself to the men, presenting the claims of Christ. A number (Continued in column 4)



After A Blessing-Filled Career

Brigadier and Mrs. N. Buckley Retire



"We often use the term 'joyful service', but in the lives and service of Brigadier and Mrs. Buckley, joy has always been glowingly evident. We feel that the joy that comes from realizing the 'all things work together for good' will sustain them in the days ahead. We know Brigadier and Mrs. Buckley sufficiently well to be assured they will, in the words of the song, 'put a cheerful courage on'. They can look back, with gratitude to God, on a blessing-filled career; they can, it is certain, still anticipate a future of usefulness and reward."

Their daughters, Carol (Mrs. H. Street) and Ruth (Mrs. K. Dickie) are soldiers at Halifax Citadel and Danforth, respectively, and their son David is songster leader at Hamilton Citadel.

Comrades and friends throughout the territory will pray God's richest blessing on these comrades, and improving health for the Brigadier.

A letter to Brigadier Buckley from the Secretary for Supplies and Purchasing in the Central Territory, U.S.A. reads in part:

"Having learned of your early retirement I want to express my appreciation for the fine co-operation given us during your tenure of office as the Trade Secretary. We always felt that a comradely spirit existed in all our dealings.

Geo. F. Duerr, Lt.-Colonel"

BRIGADIER J. BATTEN

AFTER a very brief illness the Home Call came for Brigadier John Batten on Saturday, May 20th, while in Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto. The Brigadier was Secretary for Advanced Training.

Some account of this comrade's career and a report of the funeral service will be published in a subsequent issue of *The War Cry*.

HELP WANTED

Girl required for domestic work; woman required for part-time cooking and light duties; excellent working conditions; live in; good wages. Salvationists preferred. Apply to The Superintendent, Sunset Lodge, 78 School Street, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

(Continued from column 2) ber raised their hands for prayer and one made a decision at the mercy-seat.

Afterwards, the officers gathered in the staff dining-room to partake of refreshments and enjoy a time of fellowship with the Colonel and his wife.



THE ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL Nurses' Choir, Edmonton, Alta., singing at the annual meeting of the Edmonton League of Mercy. (See report on page seven.)

Territorial Headquarters and Divisional Officers Promoted to the Rank of Lt.-Colonel

The Men's Social Service Secretary and Mrs. Lt.-Colonel E. Fitch

The Ass't. Men's Social Sec-

retary, Lt.-Colonel G. Hartas

The Candidates' Secretary and Mrs. Lt.-Colonel M. Flannigan

The Divisional Commander for Western Ontario and Mrs. Lt.-Colonel J. Nelson



TWICE CANADA'S SALVATION ARMY LEADER



CHIVALRY brought David Rees into the Army! When he saw the brutality to which the roughs subjected the women-officers of the newly-arrived Salvation Army at Reading, he went to their aid. Not that he was naturally a fighting man, David was actually a quiet, kindly soul. Within two weeks of his volunteer aid to the "lassies" he was convinced of his need of salvation. It took him three hours at the penitent-form to find God, but at 12.30 a.m., he rose to his feet and began that career in The Salvation Army which brought him to the highest promoted rank and to some of the most important positions the organization could offer.

He was appointed in charge of operations in Canada in 1891. Unfortunately, little in the way of records of that time is extant today, but there are many who recall his personal kindnesses and his keen administration. His second period terminated when he and Mrs. Rees, with their three children (Captain Madge, Captain Harding and Corps Cadet Annie) and many Canadian Salvationists lost their lives in the EMPRESS OF IRELAND disaster in 1914.

His gentle, thoughtful disposition is still remembered. Some can recall that, when he ended a rail journey, he would always go up to the train's engineer and say, "Thank you for a safe journey, take our regards to your wife and the kiddies, God bless you!"

Possibly the highest tribute one man can give to another was given to him when General Bramwell Booth said: "When I have been thinking of the kindness of Jesus, His gentleness, His consideration for others, His thoughtfulness, and His beautiful, tender deference for women, the memory of David Rees has sometimes crossed my mind."

A Series On Outstanding Army Personalities and Events

LIFE IN A CHANGING WORLD

BY MARILYN COOKMAN, Mount Dennis, Ont.

A PAPER READ AT A YOUTH COUNCIL

HAS The Salvation Army changed from what it used to be in the days of William Booth? Of course it has! Keeping up with the times is important to a Christian organization. It must have something to attract the non-Christian.

I wonder, however, if we, Salvationists today, have lost some of the zeal and enthusiasm of the early warriors? Have we lost the deep, undying faith and trust in God that enabled our pioneers to face heart-breaking perils, unkind criticism and physical abuse, and to come

through "more than conqueror"? If I suddenly found myself transported into the middle of an age of great affliction and torment such as the early Christians knew, could I, in my present spiritual condition, withstand it? Could I remain faithful and unwavering to my Lord?

As I stood in an open-air ring a

was the wrong kind of stand, I know, but the majority of people today are not taking a stand, for or against, at all. They just don't care!

Are we taking our stand for Christ? I must confess that my stand for Him has not always been effective. Many times I have wavered; other times I have fallen.



By Brigadier Thomas Ellwood

ANNIVERSARY meetings at Oshawa, Ont., were conducted by the Training Principal, Lt.-Colonel W. Rich, who was accompanied by Mrs. Rich, Captain E. Hammond and Cadet S. Webb. Following the anniversary dinner on Saturday night, the Colonel presided over a programme. The Sunday night meeting concluded with a covenant service. Many were moved by the Holy Spirit to surrender themselves to God.

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Three married couples accompanied Captain D. Luginbuhl to St. Thomas, Ont., for week-end meetings. Activities on the Saturday night included supper with the corps cadets, an open-air meeting, and youth rally. Hospitals were visited on Sunday afternoon and there was rejoicing over seekers.

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A vigorous weekend campaign was conducted at Wiarton by Captain B. Tillsley and five men cadets, who were engaged in visitation on Sunday afternoon. There were seekers in the night meeting.

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Fort Erie, Ont., was visited by Captain E. Croft and a brigade of women cadets. On Saturday night a biblical drama was presented. In addition to conducting open-air and indoor meetings, the cadets visited on Sunday afternoon.

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During the past week the staff and cadets have tackled the Red Shield campaign with faith and enthusiasm. The response has been excellent. Many donors expressed appreciation of Army work. In homes stricken by sorrow and bereavement the cadets were able to bring consolation, prayer being offered and spiritual guidance given.

CHANGELESS VALUES

ALEX BOLTON, a convert of one year, gives his testimony at the Youth Council in Toronto.

THIS world is a place where the power of good is constantly challenged by the powers of evil. It is a place where values change every day. Old things pass away as new things take their places, and on goes the world in its changing ways. There is one thing that never changes for us who know the will of God and have the experience of knowing Jesus as our Saviour—that is the true value we have found in life and the happiness of every-day walking with the Lord.

For some who are without this experience, life has little value. They feel death is the inevitable end, so they must strive to find a way to enjoy life while they can. They may turn to dancing or other worldly amusements but soon the excitement and thrill of these wears off and they find themselves bored.

They search for something they hope to value, something which will fully satisfy their lives.

Not all people realize that God so loved the world that He gave His Son that we might have life, and "that we might have it more abundantly." I, myself, can recall when life had little meaning or joy for me. I was unsatisfied. I "followed the gang" in hopes of finding something they might have which would satisfy me. It did for a little while. Then I grew bored so I tried things that "the gang" would not do, and I got in trouble over them.

Then, last year through the youth councils (the first Army meetings I had ever attended) I heard of an experience that would not only satisfy me but would save and keep me from my sins. This was hard to believe but I was desperate enough to try anything. I prayed sincerely that if God had anything that could put value back into my life, He would do it for me. God answered my prayer in a wonderful way. He changed my life; "old things passed away" and "all things became new".

Life started all over again, but in a different direction—the direction of God. Since then happiness has reigned in my life. God has shown me His will for me in His service. Even though around me people are changing and putting different values on life, I know that I have found something that has satisfied me and is going to keep me for ever. I can also say that I am now a soldier of the King—a soldier to fight the evil in the world. As I go through life God is always with me and, when I die, I know my soul will join Him in Heaven.

So today I thank God for the Army which helped to show me the way life was meant to be. I pray that as I go on I may be used to help lead others to Him. Reader, why not seek this Saviour too?

all sin and, because He did so, He is able to give us that same conquering power.

Are you taking your stand for Christ in this dynamic changing world? Think about it today, and resolve to go all the way with Christ.

FOR THE INTEREST OF YOUTH

few Sundays ago, I thought of the stories I had read of early Salvationists being persecuted by onlookers throwing stones and rotten fruit. Could I take that? I asked myself. To be truthful, I could not then answer the question and remain free of doubt. Is there a young person reading this who could honestly say: "Yes, I could stand up to all that." We have never had to suffer physical pain for the cause of the Kingdom of Christ, and I do not believe we can really know the answer to such a challenge until we have to face such a trial.

Christ is Still Hated

However, I do believe that young people today have to face trial and persecution, maybe not in the same way or with the same weapons, but still we are put to the test. As a part of the dynamic change in the world people have changed their tactics. No longer do they throw rotten eggs at us or openly seek to maltreat us as we stand in the open-air. (Training college cadets, holding an open-air meeting in downtown Toronto, did receive such treatment on a recent Saturday evening—Ed.) Today the biggest discouragement and trial to a Salvationist is the lack of interest shown in the things of God. We do not have large crowds around the open-air ring as they did in the early days. That must have been an advantage, for if there were jeers and scornful remarks, it at least showed that the people had stopped to listen and were taking notice of the Gospel message.

On an occasion last year, as we were serenading, I was somewhat disheartened as I knocked on door after door. Each time someone would answer, nonchalantly drop a quarter or maybe a bill into the box, and then shut the door as quickly as possible before rushing back to the "picture box."

You say: "Well, in the old days people would slam the door in your face and yell some nasty remark!" Maybe so, but were they not taking some interest—taking their stand? It

But, praise the Lord, He has always stooped to pick me up. I am trusting completely and I know that His grace is sufficient to keep me day by day.

A verse of Scripture came to me recently while I was at work. It is to be found in Hebrews 4:15: "But (Christ) was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." It is a wonderful moment when we discover that Christ Jesus conquered

COULD THIS BE YOU?

God is still calling young men and women to follow Him in dedicated service. Salvation Army officership provides a way of life-usefulness second to none.

Speak to your corps officer, or write to:

The Candidates' Secretary

20 Albert Street, Toronto

The "SERVANTS OF CHRIST" Session commences at the Salvation Army Training College, Toronto, on Tuesday, September 19th, 1961.



VICTORIES

Home league week at Orangeville, Ont. (Lieutenant and Mrs. R. Wombold) began with a day devoted to visitation. Many homes were entered and a number of phone calls were made seeking to interest people in the home league's activities. An evening of prayer and fellowship was spent at the home of the oldest member, God's blessing on the weekend meetings being invoked.

On Sunday songs of the home were sung, Mrs. G. Macdonald read a poem, and Mrs. Watson and Home League Treasurer Mrs. G. Dray gave talks. In the salvation meeting Galt Hackett, a newly-enrolled junior soldier, sang "Jesus Loves Me", before the dedication of the infant grandson of a home leaguer by Mrs. Lieutenant Wombold.

Since the opening of the new hall the home league has given \$100, the proceeds from a "winter wonderland tea," to the building fund, donated to supplies for the brownie pack, and contributed to divisional projects.

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Several soldiers, of varying ages were sworn-in when Major D. Fisher conducted Sunday meetings at **Wychwood Corps** (Brigadier and Mrs. K. Graham). Each testified to a definite personal experience and resolve to be faithful. On Prison Sunday, Major and Mrs. I. Jackson and family were the visitors at night. Some who had found Christ through the ministrations of the correctional services gave thrilling testimonies and others, converted at the corps quite recently, added their witness. Three young people made decisions at the mercy-seat. Sr. Major D. Snowden (R) has taken part in Sunday meetings.—C.G.

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An old-time "free and easy" Saturday night meeting commenced a weekend of meetings conducted by Lt.-Colonel S. Gennery at **Niagara Falls, Ont.** (Sr.-Captain S. Cooze and Lieutenant D. Putnam). On Sunday much inspiration and blessing were derived by the large congregations from the Colonel's challenging messages and the vocal solos of Mrs. Gennery, who, with her husband, was stationed at the corps some years ago. A seeker knelt at the mercy-seat in the salvation meeting.

FAITHFUL WARRIOR



Sister Mrs. E. Betts, Hamilton Citadel, Ont., who was promoted to Glory after a lengthy illness in hospital, was a soldier of the corps for more than fifty years, and was an ardent league

of mercy worker. Her special interest for many years was the distribution of flowers among sick and shut-in friends. The funeral service was conducted by the Commanding Officer, Major H. Sharp, and, in the memorial service, the band played "Promoted to Glory."

A number of Bibles have been placed in the hall in memory of the devoted life of the departed warrior.

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Brother George Weir, San Diego, California, was a fine Salvationist and outstanding cornetist who became bandmaster at Brandon, Man., at the age of sixteen. A son of officer parents, he later became a representative for a well-known oil company, his travels offering wide contacts and opportunities of service in Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, and other parts of Canada. His promotion to Glory followed a lengthy illness, patiently borne. The funeral service, in which Brother Zarfas represented Canadian Salvationists, was conducted at San Diego by Colonel J. Tyndall (R), a Canadian officer.

REPORTED

Twenty-four guests attended a luncheon held to honour mothers of the "silver star" (an award to those whose children are serving as Salvation Army officers) at **St. Thomas, Ont.** (Sr.-Major W. Fitch, Sr.-Captain H. Askew). Mrs. Colonel C. Knaap was the speaker. To the surprise of each mother, a photograph of her child and family was enclosed in the programme booklet. The Divisional Commander, Lt.-Colonel J. Nelson, also took part.

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Home League Sunday meetings at the **Central French Corps**, Montreal (Brigadier N. Brokenshire and Captain N. Vachon), were conducted by the Divisional Commander, Brigadier W. Ross, who was accompanied by the Divisional Home League Secretary, Mrs. Ross. Members took part in meetings and sang as a group. A new dedication was made at the mercy-seat.

Before the evening open-air meeting, corps cadets distributed Gospel tracts in the street and invited people to the meeting. A number of onlookers followed the march to the hall.

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Guests for the fifty-third anniversary celebrations at **Dover, Nfld.** (Major and Mrs. A. Russell) were Captain and Mrs. H. Snelgrove. The Captain's Bible messages stirred many hearts and souls surrendered. Other speakers were Sergeant-Major W. Mercer and Brother S. Legge.

A special feature of the Sunday afternoon citizens' rally was the mortgage burning ceremony, when Dover Corps was declared free of all financial obligations in connection with the building. A message from the Provincial Commander and Mrs. Colonel E. Fewster was read. On Monday, at the anniversary banquet, candles on the cake were lit by Junior Soldier Maxine Russell, and the cake was cut by the oldest soldier, Brother R. Collins.

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For the Sunday a huge replica of the world was tastefully flanked with flags representing various nations served by Salvationist missionaries. Miniature globes, their bases

WORLD VIEW



SEEN GROUPED around a replica of the world at Dovercourt Corps on Altar Service Sunday are (left to right): Miss Anna Williams, Mrs. Brigadier W. Walton (R), and Sr.-Major A. Bobbitt (R), all former missionaries. "The World for God" was an appropriate contribution by the band and songster brigade on this occasion.

NOVEL ALTAR SERVICE ANGLE

FOR six weeks prior to Altar Service Sunday at **Dovercourt Corps** (Brigadier and Mrs. I. Halsey), prayers for Canadian officers serving in missionary lands were offered in each meeting. In this way the congregation was made aware of the needs of the work involved and reminded that Altar Service Sunday was fast approaching.

For the Sunday a huge replica of the world was tastefully flanked with flags representing various nations served by Salvationist missionaries. Miniature globes, their bases

draped with small Army flags, brightened each window. Guest speakers were Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. H. Beckett (R), former missionaries, with many overseas appointments to their credit.

During the morning meeting the entire young people's corps laid its offerings on the altar in an inspiring display of self-sacrifice, increasing its giving by sixteen percent over last year. (Inter-corps competition and weekly visits from returned missionaries had much to do with this success.)

The altar service, focal point of the evening meeting, was similarly impressive. Visiting missionaries, wearing distinctive garb, passed along the hall to receive Self-Denial contributions on behalf of their comrades on the mission-field, later standing around the huge globe while the commanding officer offered prayer.

The combined offering of General Evangeline Booth's stirring crusade song, "The World for God", by the band and songster brigade, added to the world-embracing appeal of the meeting.

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In the last meeting held in the old hall at **Hickman's Harbour, Nfld.** (Lieutenant L. Brace and Brigadier M. Abbott [R]) all the comrades of the corps knelt at the altar in re-dedication. The following Sunday's fortieth corps anniversary celebrations coincided with the opening of the new citadel by Brigadier W. Pike. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Pye, of the United Church; a financial statement given by Brigadier Abbott showed that the new building was free of debt and messages were read by Captain E. Penney. Among gifts presented were a large Bible donated by Brother and Sister Mrs. S. Martin, of Glenwood, and a corps flag by Sergeant-Major and Mrs. C. Hansford. In the well-attended salvation meeting ten seekers were recorded.

The anniversary banquet was attended by 165 people. The candles were lit by Brother D. Martin and extinguished by Junior Soldier Edward Marsh; the cake was cut by Sister Mrs. E. Blundell, who is more than eighty years of age and the widow of the late corps sergeant-major. The proceeds went toward securing more seats for the hall.

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Eleven seekers, including a complete family, a mother and several young people, knelt at the mercy-seat at **Saskatoon Citadel, Sask.** (Captain and Mrs. W. G. Kerr), on a recent Sunday.



BURNING THE MORTGAGE AT CORNER BROOK, Nfld. In the photograph are (left to right): Mrs. Pike, Major A. Pike, Sergeant-Major J. Legge, Envoy W. Lundigan, Young People's Sergeant-Major B. Barrett, Guide Gloria Burl, and Secretary W. Piercy.

A feature of home league week at **Sarnia, Ont.** (Captain and Mrs. W. Ernst) was a programme by the band, songster brigade, and timbrel group. In well-attended Sunday meetings Bible messages were brought by Mrs. Captain Ernst and Songster M. Wolsey.

Seven senior soldiers were sworn-in on a recent Sunday night at **Woodstock, Nfld.** (Lieutenant R. Goodyear). Although the corps is not a year old, it has forty-three soldiers. Revival fires are burning and, as a result, souls are being saved.

Toronto Corps Cadets Rally

THE Divisional Commander and Mrs. Lt.-Colonel C. Warrander were welcomed to their first Toronto corps cadet rally when the Colonel presided over a gathering at North Toronto. Young people representing two-thirds of the congregation signified that they, too, were attending their first rally.

Each brigade responded to the roll call with an interesting original rhyme. Presentation of lower grade corps cadet certificates was made by Mrs. Major E. Parr. An exciting Bible and Army history quiz conducted by C.C. Guardian J. Shepherd, of Danforth, took place between two of the larger brigades—

North Toronto and Mount Dennis—and certificates and pins were handed out by Mrs. Warrander.

The divisional shield was awarded to the Fairbank brigade, under the leadership of Mrs. Captain K. Even- den. Musical items were provided by a double trio from Dovercourt and North Toronto Young People's Band (Leader H. Dowding), and the Chancellor, Brigadier H. Roberts, and Divisional Young People's Secretary, Major E. Parr, also took part. The guest speaker was Captain R. Calvert, who quickly captured the interest of the young people, reminding them of their responsibilities in the world today.

ONE MILLION COPIES

● TORONTO—The Canadian Bible Society has agreed to provide 1,000,000 copies of the Gospel According to St. John in the Tamil language for distribution in the villages of South India. These Gospels will be provided over the next five years at a cost to the Canadian Bible Society of more than \$100,000.

In addition it is reported that commencing on September the first the Canadian Bible Society will make available to the radio stations of Canada recordings of passages of Scripture to provide their listeners with the daily reading of the Bible without note or comment.

TO COMBAT DRUG ADDICTION

● HONG KONG—An anti-drug addiction settlement sponsored by Protestant churches has opened here with preparations to receive the first four families as a pilot project near Kowloon on the mainland.

Operated by the Christian Welfare and Relief Council, a body of twenty-four Protestant churches here, the settlement receives funds principally from the World Council of Churches and Church World Service. Other gifts have been made by the British Council of Churches, the East Asia Christian Council, the Swiss Evangelical Churches and the Ipoh Baptist Church, in Malaya.

The experiment has the active support of the British Crown Colony government and its prison department. The government provided the site for the pilot project and sixty drug addicts from Tai Lam Chung prison built the first four houses, aware that the settlement is designed for them and their fellow addicts.

If this project succeeds, a second settlement is planned on Lan Tao Island to accommodate several hundred families of both farming and industrial workers.

OF INTEREST TO MOVIE MAKERS

GENERAL Wilfred Kitching is awarding £50 (about \$140) to the best four entries in a competition for films about Salvationist endeavour; allocated as follows: 1st prize £25; two prizes of £10 and one prize of £5. Conditions are:

1. THE FILM MUST TELL A STORY.
2. It can be in colour or black and white.
3. It can be 8mm, 9.5mm, or 16mm.
4. It can be sound or silent.
5. It can have maximum running time of about twenty minutes.
6. It must be taken by amateurs and depict real Salvationists in action.
7. It can be an individual or group project so that entries can be accepted from youth sections, corps cadet brigades, amateur film societies, etc.

Closing date for the competition is December 31st, 1961 for Great Britain, with two month's extension for overseas.

The Editor of London's "Amateur Cine World" will judge the entries.

The competition is organized by VANGUARD youth magazine of The Salvation Army published from London, and from which further details can be obtained. Write FILM COMPETITION, VANGUARD, William Booth Buildings, Denmark Hill, London, S.E. 5, England.



LEFT: Mrs. Captain I. McNeilly and League of Mercy Secretary, Mrs. Major R. Frewing, of Regina, Sask., are shown with a group of elderly women and Mrs. Bass (center) for whom a birthday party was being held.

AT BRANDON, MAN.

LEAGUERS from Dauphin, Neepawa and Brandon met at Brandon, where the guest speaker was

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WOMEN GRADUATES

● TORONTO—Twenty young women received diplomas and certificates at the graduation exercises of the United Church Training School held in Toronto recently. Two who came from overseas countries will return to their home lands, five will go overseas as missionaries, and the rest will work in Canada. The graduates were addressed by the Rev. Gwenyth Hubble, of the staff of the International Missionary Council.

MISSIONARIES COMMISSIONED

● TORONTO—Twenty-one new missionaries—ten married couples and one single man—have been appointed by the United Church of Canada. The church's Board of Overseas Missions met recently in Toronto. The new missionaries include one medical doctor, two agriculturists, four evangelists, one engineer, one technician, and two educationists. They have been assigned to work in Angola, India, Hong Kong, Korea, the Philippines and Trinidad.

TACKLE PRESSING PROBLEM

● SOEST—Shelving normal training and administrative matters for a day of religious lectures and group discussions, fifteen senior officers of Canada's NATO Brigade recently tackled some of the problems of increasing the soldier's knowledge of the Christian faith.

This day of study, the first of its kind ever held for unit commanders and senior administrative officers, dealt with the relevance of Protestant Christian leadership amid today's world problems and methods of "Communicating the Christian Faith to all Ranks".

The Lord Bishop of Maidstone (England), The Right Reverend S. Betts, who is also representative to British Forces for the Archbishop of Canterbury, gave three lectures and led subsequent discussions.

The Cadets of The "SOLDIERS OF CHRIST" SESSION will present in Pageantry and Drama

"The TRUMPETS of SALVATION"

Saturday, June 17th. 7:45 p.m., in the Eaton Auditorium, Toronto

Reserved seat tickets at \$1.00 obtainable from The Training College
84 Davisville Avenue

SUNDAY, JUNE 18th

PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE BRAMWELL BOOTH TEMPLE, 20 ALBERT STREET

Conducted by

THE TERRITORIAL COMMANDER, COMMISSIONER W. BOOTH

10:45 a.m. Holiness Meeting—3 p.m. Vigil and Appointment of Cadets—
7 p.m. Salvation Meeting

NEW BIBLE ON RECORD

● TORONTO—It has been announced in London that parts of the New English Bible are to be issued on long-playing records. The Oxford and Cambridge University Presses have granted recording rights to an English company. St. John's Gospel will be issued in June and the other Gospels during the summer.

HONOUR NORTHERN BISHOPS

● TORONTO—The Canadian Churchman reports that three pioneer Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada are commemorated in names which have been given by the federal Department of Northern Affairs to government student residences operated by the Anglican Church in northern Canada.

The hostel at Fort McPherson has been named Fleming Hall after Bishop Fleming of the Arctic. Bompas Hall at Fort Simpson commemorates Bishop Bompas of Athabasca, Mackenzie River and Yukon. At Inuvik the hostel has been called Stringer Hall in honour of Archbishop Stringer of Yukon and Ruperts Land.

TO NEW HEIGHTS

THE challenge of Parliament St. Corps to the recognized supremacy of Halifax Citadel seems to have fired the enthusiasm of a number of other corps officers across the territory, for a fine list of increases in weekly *War Cry* circulation figures is included below.

However, a far greater challenge than numbers is involved in the distribution of the "White-winged Messenger", for the spiritual impact of Christian literature is something that cannot be gainsaid. As the summer season approaches, and the open-air season is upon us, it behoves all officers to examine the methods used to reach people with the Gospel. Surely the distribution of *The War Cry* should have high priority in any evangelistic plans.

The corps which have recorded recent increases are: New Westminster, B.C. (Major and Mrs. W. Shaver) 275-375; Hillhurst Corps, Calgary, Alta. (Captain and Mrs. E. Gurney) 50-100; Walkerville Corps, Windsor, Ont. (Sr.-Captain and Mrs. R. Walker) 90-125; Renfrew, Ont. (Captain F. Duke, Pro.-Lieutenant D. Perry) 90-125; Haliburton, Ont. (Captain and Mrs. W. Kerr) 75-100; Wetaskiwin, Alta. (Captain and Mrs. G. Verhey) 100-125; Powell River, B.C. (Lieutenant and Mrs. J. Ratcliffe) 150-175; St. Catharines, Ont. (Sr.-Major and Mrs. H. Honeychurch) 370-395; Chilliwack, B.C. (Sr.-Captain and Mrs. F. Hallwell) 160-175; Byng Ave. Corps, Toronto, Ont. (Captain V. Droumbolis, Pro.-Lieutenant M. Johansson) 375-380; Dildo, Nfld. (Captain and Mrs. J. Pardy, Sr.-Captain L. Calloway) 23-27; Comfort Cove, Nfld. (Captain and Mrs. R. Braye, Captain O. Feltham) 35-38.

BIBLE COURSE VALUED

AS evidence of the way the Bible course provided by the Toronto Training College Education Department is helping spiritually those who follow it, Lt.-Colonel W. Rich has released the following letter, hoping its publication will stimulate interest in the course:

Dear Friends,

I have benefited greatly from these studies. They are most interesting, to say the least, and some features the lessons bring out I have never noticed in the Bible, although I have read it through in the past. One's mind and heart are kept active and set on things above by the necessity of reading the Bible in writing the lessons. I am very grateful for the benefit and happiness I have derived from these studies.

Mrs. Mabel Sprague

Don't pester the family next Sunday by asking repeatedly "What can I do?" Inquire at the nearest Salvation Army hall the times of meetings for young people. You will be made welcome and there won't be a dull moment.